



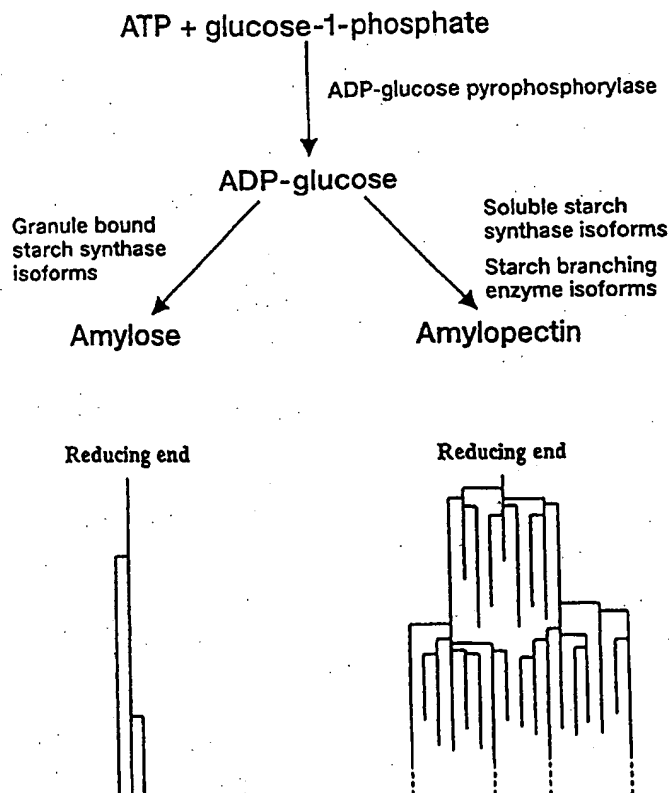
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(57) Abstract

A method of inhibiting gene expression is described. The method, which affects enzymatic activity in a plant, comprises expressing in a plant (or a cell, a tissue or an organ thereof) a nucleotide sequence wherein the nucleotide sequence codes, partially or completely, for a class A SBE intron in a sense orientation; and wherein the nucleotide sequence does not contain a sequence that is sense to an exon sequence normally associated with the intron.



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SENSE INTRON INHIBITION OF STARCH BRANCHING ENZYME EXPRESSION

The present invention relates to a method of inhibiting gene expression, particularly inhibiting gene expression in a plant. The present invention also relates to a nucleotide
5 sequence useful in the method. In addition, the present invention relates to a promoter that is useful for expressing the nucleotide sequence.

Starch is one of the main storage carbohydrates in plants, especially higher plants. The structure of starch consists of amylose and amylopectin. Amylose consists essentially of
10 straight chains of α -1-4-linked glycosyl residues. Amylopectin comprises chains of α -1-4-linked glycosyl residues with some α -1-6 branches. The branched nature of amylopectin is accomplished by the action of *inter alia* an enzyme commonly known as the starch branching enzyme ("SBE"). SBE catalyses the formation of branch points in the amylopectin molecule by adding α -1,4 glucans through α -1,6-glucosidic branching
15 linkages. The biosynthesis of amylose and amylopectin is schematically shown in Figure 1, whereas the α -1-4-links and the α -1-6 links are shown in Figure 2.

In Potato, it is known that two classes of SBE exist. In our copending international patent applications PCT/EP96/03052 and PCT/EP96/03053, class B potato SBE and a gene
20 encoding it are discussed. In international patent application WO96/34968, class A potato SBE and a cDNA encoding it are disclosed.

It is known that starch is an important raw material. Starch is widely used in the food, paper, and chemical industries. However, a large fraction of the starches used in these
25 industrial applications are post-harvest modified by chemical, physical or enzymatic methods in order to obtain starches with certain required functional properties.

Within the past few years it has become desirable to make genetically modified plants which could be capable of producing modified starches which could be the same as the
30 post-harvest modified starches. It is also known that it may be possible to prepare such genetically modified plants by expression of antisense nucleotide coding sequences. In

this regard, June Bourque provides a detailed summary of antisense strategies for the genetic manipulations in plants (Bourque 1995 Plant Science 105 pp 125-149).

WO96/34968 discusses the use of antisense sequences complementary to sequences which encode class A and class B potato SBE to downregulate SBE expression in potato plants. The sequences used are complementary to SBE coding sequences.

Whilst it is known that enzymatic activity can be affected by expression of particular nucleotide sequences (for example see the teachings of Finnegan and McElroy [1994] Biotechnology 12 883-888; and Matzke and Matzke [1995] TIG 11 1-3) there is still a need for a method that can more reliably and/or more efficiently and/or more specifically affect enzymatic activity.

According to a first aspect of the present invention there is provided a method of affecting enzymatic activity in a plant (or a cell, a tissue or an organ thereof) comprising expressing in the plant (or a cell, a tissue or an organ thereof) a nucleotide sequence wherein the nucleotide sequence partially or completely codes (is) an intron of the potato class A SBE gene in a sense orientation, optionally together with a nucleotide sequence which codes, partially or completely, for an intron of a class B starch branching enzyme in a sense or antisense orientation; and wherein the nucleotide sequence does not contain a sequence that is a sense exon sequence normally associated with the intron.

According to a second aspect of the present invention there is provided a method of affecting enzymatic activity in a starch producing organism (or a cell, a tissue or an organ thereof) comprising expressing in the starch producing organism (or a cell, a tissue or an organ thereof) a nucleotide sequence wherein the nucleotide sequence codes, partially or completely, for an intron of the potato class A SBE gene in a sense orientation optionally together with a nucleotide sequence which codes, partially or completely, for an intron of a class B starch branching enzyme in a sense or antisense orientation; wherein the nucleotide sequence does not contain a sequence that is sense to an exon sequence normally associated with the intron; and wherein starch branching enzyme activity is

affected and/or the levels of amylopectin are affected and/or the composition of starch is changed.

Preferably, the class A SBE gene sense intron construct is used in combination with a
5 potato class B SBE gene sense intron construct as defined in PCT/EP96/03053.
However, it may also be used independently thereof, to target class A SBE alone, or in
combination with other transgenes such as other sense and/or antisense transgenes, for
example antisense intron transgenes such as from SBE genes, to further manipulate starch
quality in potato plants.

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According to a third aspect of the present invention there is provided a sequence
comprising the nucleotide sequence shown as SEQ. ID. No. 38 or a variant, derivative or
homologue thereof.

15 According to a fourth aspect of the present invention there is provided a promoter
comprising the sequence shown as SEQ.I.D. No. 14 or a variant, derivative or
homologue thereof.

According to a fifth aspect of the present invention there is provided a construct capable
20 of comprising or expressing the present invention.

According to a sixth aspect of the present invention there is provided a vector comprising
or expressing the present invention.

25 According to a seventh aspect of the present invention there is provided a cell, tissue or
organ comprising or expressing the present invention.

According to an eighth aspect of the present invention there is provided a transgenic
starch producing organism comprising or expressing the present invention. According to
30 a ninth aspect of the present invention there is provided a starch obtained from the present
invention.

A key advantage of the present invention is that it provides a method for preparing modified starches that is not dependent on the need for post-harvest modification of starches. Thus the method of the present invention obviates the need for the use of hazardous chemicals that are normally used in the post-harvest modification of starches.

In addition, the present invention provides *inter alia* genetically modified plants which are capable of producing modified and/or novel and/or improved starches whose properties would satisfy various industrial requirements.

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Thus, the present invention provides a method of preparing tailor-made starches in plants which could replace the post-harvest modified starches.

Also, the present invention provides a method that enables modified starches to be prepared by a method that can have a more beneficial effect on the environment than the known post-harvest modification methods which are dependent on the use of hazardous chemicals and large quantities of energy.

An other key advantage of the present invention is that it provides a method that may more reliably and/or more efficiently and/or more specifically affect enzymatic activity when compared to the known methods of affecting enzymatic activity. With regard to this advantage of the present invention it is to be noted that there is some degree of homology between coding regions of SBEs. However, there is little or no homology with the intron sequences of SBEs. Thus, sense intron expression provides a mechanism to affect selectively the expression of a particular SBE. This advantageous aspect could be used, for example, to reduce or eliminate a particular SBE enzyme and replace that enzyme with another enzyme which can be another branching enzyme or even a recombinant version of the affected enzyme or even a hybrid enzyme which could for example comprise part of a SBE enzyme from one source and at least a part of another SBE enzyme from another source. This particular feature of the present invention is

covered by the combination aspect of the present invention which is discussed in more detail later.

Thus the present invention provides a mechanism for selectively affecting SBE activity.

- 5 This is in contrast to the prior art methods which are dependent on the use of for example antisense exon expression whereby it would not be possible to introduce new SBE activity without affecting that activity as well.

- In the context of the present invention, class B SBE is synonymous with SBE I: class A SBE is synonymous with SBE II. Class A SBE is as defined in WO96/34968, incorporated herein by reference. Preferably, the antisense intron construct used comprises intron 1 of class A SBE, which is 2.0 kb in length and is located starting at residue 45 of the coding sequence of class A SBE. The boundaries of the intron may be calculated by searching for consensus intron boundary sequences, and are shown in
10 attached figure 11. The sequence of the intron is set forth in SEQ. ID. No. 38. Class B SBE is substantially as defined in the sequences given herein and in PCT/EP96/03053.
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- Preferably with the first aspect of the present invention starch branching enzyme activity is affected and/or wherein the levels of amylopectin are affected and/or the composition
20 of starch is changed.

Preferably with the first or second aspect of the present invention the nucleotide sequence does not contain a sequence that is sense to an exon sequence.

- 25 Preferably with the fourth aspect of the present invention the promoter is in combination with a gene of interest ("GOI").

Preferably the enzymatic activity is reduced or eliminated.

- 30 Preferably the nucleotide sequence codes for at least substantially all of at least one intron in a sense orientation.

Preferably the nucleotide sequence codes, partially or completely, for two or more introns and wherein each intron is in a sense orientation.

- 5 Preferably the nucleotide sequence comprises at least 350 nucleotides (e.g. 350 bp), more preferably at least 500 nucleotides (e.g. 500 bp).

Preferably the nucleotide sequence comprises the sequence shown as SEQ. ID. No. 38, or a fragment thereof.

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Preferably the nucleotide sequence is expressed by a promoter having a sequence shown as SEQ. I.D. No. 14 or a variant, derivative or homologue thereof.

Preferably the transgenic starch producing organism is a plant.

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- A preferred aspect of the present invention therefore relates to a method of affecting enzymatic activity in a plant (or a cell, a tissue or an organ thereof) comprising expressing in the plant (or a cell, a tissue or an organ thereof) a nucleotide sequence wherein the nucleotide sequence codes, partially or completely, for a class A SBE intron
20 in a sense orientation; wherein the nucleotide sequence does not contain a sequence that is sense to an exon sequence normally associated with the intron; and wherein starch branching enzyme activity is affected and/or the levels of amylopectin are affected and/or the composition of starch is changed.

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- A more preferred aspect of the present invention therefore relates to a method of affecting enzymatic activity in a plant (or a cell, a tissue or an organ thereof) comprising expressing in the plant (or a cell, a tissue or an organ thereof) a nucleotide sequence wherein the nucleotide sequence codes, partially or completely, for an intron in a sense
orientation; wherein the nucleotide sequence does not contain a sequence that is sense to
30 an exon sequence normally associated with the intron; wherein starch branching enzyme activity is affected and/or the levels of amylopectin are affected and/or the composition of

starch is changed; and wherein the nucleotide sequence comprises the sequence shown as SEQ. ID. No. 38, or fragments thereof.

The term "nucleotide" in relation to the present invention includes DNA and RNA.

- 5 Preferably it means DNA, more preferably DNA prepared by use of recombinant DNA techniques.

The term "intron" is used in its normal sense as meaning a segment of nucleotides, usually DNA, that does not encode part or all of an expressed protein or enzyme.

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The term "exon" is used in its normal sense as meaning a segment of nucleotides, usually DNA, encoding part or all of an expressed protein or enzyme.

- 15 Thus, the term "intron" refers to gene regions that are transcribed into RNA molecules, but which are spliced out of the RNA before the RNA is translated into a protein. In contrast, the term "exon" refers to gene regions that are transcribed into RNA and subsequently translated into proteins.

- 20 The terms "variant" or "homologue" or "fragment" in relation to the nucleotide sequence of the present invention include any substitution of, variation of, modification of, replacement of, deletion of or addition of one (or more) nucleic acid from or to the respective nucleotide sequence providing the resultant nucleotide sequence can affect enzyme activity in a plant, or cell or tissue thereof, preferably wherein the resultant nucleotide sequence has at least the same effect as the sequence shown in SEQ. ID. No.
- 25 38. In particular, the term "homologue" covers homology with respect to similarity of structure and/or similarity of function providing the resultant nucleotide sequence has the ability to affect enzymatic activity in accordance with the present invention. With respect to sequence homology (i.e. similarity), preferably there is more than 80% homology, more preferably at least 85% homology, more preferably at least 90% homology, even
- 30 more preferably at least 95% homology, more preferably at least 98% homology. The above terms are also synonymous with allelic variations of the sequences.

Likewise, the terms "variant" or "homologue" or "fragment" in relation to the promoter of the present invention include any substitution of, variation of, modification of, replacement of, deletion of or addition of one (or more) nucleic acid from or to the
5 respective promoter sequence providing the resultant promoter sequence allows expression of a GOI, preferably wherein the resultant promoter sequence has at least the same effect as SEQ.I.D. No. 14. In particular, the term "homologue" covers homology with respect to similarity of structure and/or similarity of function providing the resultant promoter sequence has the ability to allow for expression of a GOI, such as a nucleotide
10 sequence according to the present invention. With respect to sequence homology (i.e. similarity), preferably there is more than 80% homology, more preferably at least 85% homology, more preferably at least 90% homology, even more preferably at least 95% homology, more preferably at least 98% homology. The above terms are also synonymous with allelic variations of the sequences.

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The intron sequence of the present invention can be any one or all of the intron sequences of the present invention, including partial sequences thereof, provided that if partial sense sequences are used the partial sequences affect enzymatic activity. Suitable examples of partial sequences include sequences that are shorter than any one of the full sense
20 sequences shown as SEQ. ID. No. 38 but which comprise nucleotides that are adjacent the respective exon or exons.

With regard to the second aspect of the present invention (i.e. specifically affecting SBE activity), the nucleotide sequences of the present invention may comprise one or more
25 sense or antisense exon sequences of the class A or class B SBE gene (but not sense exon sequences naturally associated with the intron sequence), including complete or partial sequences thereof, providing the nucleotide sequences can affect SBE activity, preferably wherein the nucleotide sequences reduce or eliminate SBE activity. Preferably, the nucleotide sequence of the second aspect of the present invention does not comprise sense
30 exon sequences.

The term "vector" includes an expression vector and a transformation vector. The term "expression vector" means a construct capable of *in vivo* or *in vitro* expression. The term "transformation vector" means a construct capable of being transferred from one species to another - such as from an *E.Coli* plasmid to a fungus or a plant cell, or from an *Agrobacterium* to a plant cell.

The term "construct" - which is synonymous with terms such as "conjugate", "cassette" and "hybrid" - in relation to the sense nucleotide sequence aspect of the present invention includes the nucleotide sequence according to the present invention directly or indirectly attached to a promoter. An example of an indirect attachment is the provision of a suitable spacer group such as an intron sequence, such as the *Shl*-intron or the ADH intron, intermediate the promoter and the nucleotide sequence of the present invention. The same is true for the term "fused" in relation to the present invention which includes direct or indirect attachment. The terms do not cover the natural combination of the wild type SBE gene when associated with the wild type SBE gene promoter in their natural environment.

The construct may even contain or express a marker which allows for the selection of the genetic construct in, for example, a plant cell into which it has been transferred. Various markers exist which may be used in, for example, plants - such as mannose. Other examples of markers include those that provide for antibiotic resistance - e.g. resistance to G418, hygromycin, bleomycin, kanamycin and gentamycin.

The construct of the present invention preferably comprises a promoter. The term "promoter" is used in the normal sense of the art, e.g. an RNA polymerase binding site in the Jacob-Monod theory of gene expression. Examples of suitable promoters are those that can direct efficient expression of the nucleotide sequence of the present invention and/or in a specific type of cell. Some examples of tissue specific promoters are disclosed in WO 92/11375.

The promoter could additionally include conserved regions such as a Pribnow Box or a TATA box. The promoters may even contain other sequences to affect (such as to maintain, enhance, decrease) the levels of expression of the nucleotide sequence of the present invention. Suitable examples of such sequences include the *Shl*-intron or an
5 ADH intron. Other sequences include inducible elements - such as temperature, chemical, light or stress inducible elements. Also, suitable elements to enhance transcription or translation may be present. An example of the latter element is the TMV 5' leader sequence (see Sleat Gene 217 [1987] 217-225; and Dawson Plant Mol. Biol. 23 [1993] 97).

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As mentioned, the construct and/or the vector of the present invention may include a transcriptional initiation region which may provide for regulated or constitutive expression. Any suitable promoter may be used for the transcriptional initiation region, such as a tissue specific promoter. In one aspect, preferably the promoter is the patatin
15 promoter or the E35S promoter. In another aspect, preferably the promoter is the SBE promoter.

If, for example, the organism is a plant then the promoter can be one that affects expression of the nucleotide sequence in any one or more of seed, tuber, stem, sprout,
20 root and leaf tissues, preferably tuber. By way of example, the promoter for the nucleotide sequence of the present invention can be the α -Amy 1 promoter (otherwise known as the Amy 1 promoter, the Amy 637 promoter or the α -Amy 637 promoter) as described in our co-pending UK patent application No. 9421292.5 filed 21 October 1994. Alternatively, the promoter for the nucleotide sequence of the present invention can be the
25 α -Amy 3 promoter (otherwise known as the Amy 3 promoter, the Amy 351 promoter or the α -Amy 351 promoter) as described in our co-pending UK patent application No. 9421286.7 filed 21 October 1994.

The present invention also encompasses the use of a promoter to express a nucleotide
30 sequence according to the present invention, wherein a part of the promoter is inactivated but wherein the promoter can still function as a promoter. Partial inactivation of a

promoter in some instances is advantageous. In particular, with the Amy 351 promoter mentioned earlier it is possible to inactivate a part of it so that the partially inactivated promoter expresses the nucleotide sequence of the present invention in a more specific manner such as in just one specific tissue type or organ. The term "inactivated" means
5 partial inactivation in the sense that the expression pattern of the promoter is modified but wherein the partially inactivated promoter still functions as a promoter. However, as mentioned above, the modified promoter is capable of expressing a gene coding for the enzyme of the present invention in at least one (but not all) specific tissue of the original promoter. Examples of partial inactivation include altering the folding pattern of the
10 promoter sequence, or binding species to parts of the nucleotide sequence, so that a part of the nucleotide sequence is not recognised by, for example, RNA polymerase. Another, and preferable, way of partially inactivating the promoter is to truncate it to form fragments thereof. Another way would be to mutate at least a part of the sequence so that the RNA polymerase can not bind to that part or another part. Another
15 modification is to mutate the binding sites for regulatory proteins for example the CreA protein known from filamentous fungi to exert carbon catabolite repression, and thus abolish the catabolite repression of the native promoter.

The construct and/or the vector of the present invention may include a transcriptional
20 termination region.

The nucleotide according to the present invention can be expressed in combination (but not necessarily at the same time) with an additional construct. Thus the present invention also provides a combination of constructs comprising a first construct comprising the
25 nucleotide sequence according to the present invention operatively linked to a first promoter; and a second construct comprising a GOI operatively linked to a second promoter (which need not be the same as the first promoter). With this aspect of the present invention the combination of constructs may be present in the same vector, plasmid, cells, tissue, organ or organism. This aspect of the present invention also covers
30 methods of expressing the same, preferably in specific cells or tissues, such as expression in just a specific cell or tissue, of an organism, typically a plant. With this aspect of the

present invention the second construct does not cover the natural combination of the gene coding for an enzyme ordinarily associated with the wild type gene promoter when they are both in their natural environment.

5 An example of a suitable combination would be a first construct comprising the nucleotide sequence of the present invention and a promoter, such as the promoter of the present invention, and a second construct comprising a promoter, such as the promoter of the present invention, and a GOI wherein the GOI codes for another starch branching enzyme either in sense or antisense orientation.

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The above comments relating to the term "construct" for the sense nucleotide aspect of the present invention are equally applicable to the term "construct" for the promoter aspect of the present invention. In this regard, the term includes the promoter according to the present invention directly or indirectly attached to a GOI.

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The term "GOI" with reference to the promoter aspect of the present invention or the combination aspect of the present invention means any gene of interest, which need not necessarily code for a protein or an enzyme - as is explained later. A GOI can be any nucleotide sequence that is either foreign or natural to the organism in question, for
20 example a plant.

Typical examples of a GOI include genes encoding for other proteins or enzymes that modify metabolic and catabolic processes. The GOI may code for an agent for introducing or increasing pathogen resistance.

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The GOI may even be an antisense construct for modifying the expression of natural transcripts present in the relevant tissues. An example of such a GOI is the nucleotide sequence according to the present invention.

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The GOI may even code for a protein that is non-natural to the host organism - e.g. a plant. The GOI may code for a compound that is of benefit to animals or humans. For example, the GOI could code for a pharmaceutically active protein or enzyme such as any one of the therapeutic compounds insulin, interferon, human serum albumin, human growth factor and blood clotting factors. The GOI may even code for a protein giving additional nutritional value to a food or feed or crop. Typical examples include plant proteins that can inhibit the formation of anti-nutritive factors and plant proteins that have a more desirable amino acid composition (e.g. a higher lysine content than a non-transgenic plant). The GOI may even code for an enzyme that can be used in food processing such as xylanases and α -galactosidase. The GOI can be a gene encoding for any one of a pest toxin, an antisense transcript such as that for α -amylase, a protease or a glucanase. Alternatively, the GOI can be a nucleotide sequence according to the present invention.

The GOI can be the nucleotide sequence coding for the arabinofuranosidase enzyme which is the subject of our co-pending UK patent application 9505479.7. The GOI can be the nucleotide sequence coding for the glucanase enzyme which is the subject of our co-pending UK patent application 9505475.5. The GOI can be the nucleotide sequence coding for the α -amylase enzyme which is the subject of our co-pending UK patent application 9413439.2. The GOI can be the nucleotide sequence coding for the α -amylase enzyme which is the subject of our co-pending UK patent application 9421290.9. The GOI can be any of the nucleotide sequences coding for the α -glucan lyase enzyme which are described in our co-pending PCT patent application PCT/EP94/03397.

In one aspect the GOI can even be a nucleotide sequence according to the present invention but when operatively linked to a different promoter.

The GOI could include a sequence that codes for one or more of a xylanase, an arabinase, an acetyl esterase, a rhamnogalacturonase, a glucanase, a pectinase, a branching enzyme or another carbohydrate modifying enzyme or proteinase. Alternatively, the GOI may be a sequence that is antisense to any of those sequences.

As mentioned above, the present invention provides a mechanism for selectively affecting a particular enzymatic activity.

5 In an important application of the present invention it is now possible to reduce or eliminate expression of a genomic nucleotide sequence coding for a genomic protein or enzyme by expressing a sense intron construct for that particular genomic protein or enzyme and (e.g. at the same time) expressing a recombinant version of that enzyme or protein - in other words the GOI is a recombinant nucleotide sequence coding for the
10 genomic enzyme or protein. This application allows expression of desired recombinant enzymes and proteins in the absence of (or reduced levels of) respective genomic enzymes and proteins. Thus the desired recombinant enzymes and proteins can be easily separated and purified from the host organism. This particular aspect of the present invention is very advantageous over the prior art methods which, for example, rely on the use of anti-
15 sense exon expression which methods also affect expression of the recombinant enzyme.

Thus, a further aspect of the present invention relates to a method of expressing a recombinant protein or enzyme in a host organism comprising expressing a nucleotide sequence coding for the recombinant protein or enzyme; and expressing a further
20 nucleotide sequence wherein the further nucleotide sequence codes, partially or completely, for an intron in a sense orientation; wherein the intron is an intron normally associated with the genomic gene encoding a protein or an enzyme corresponding to the recombinant protein or enzyme; and wherein the further nucleotide sequence does not contain a sequence that is sense to an exon sequence normally associated with the intron.
25 Additional aspects cover the combination of those nucleotide sequences including their incorporation in constructs, vectors, cells, tissues and transgenic organisms.

Therefore the present invention also relates to a combination of nucleotide sequences comprising a first nucleotide sequence coding for a recombinant enzyme; and a second
30 nucleotide sequence which corresponds to an intron in a sense orientation; wherein the intron is an intron that is associated with a genomic gene encoding the enzyme

corresponding to the recombinant enzyme; and wherein the second nucleotide sequence does not contain a sequence that is sense to an exon sequence normally associated with the intron.

- 5 The GOI may even code for one or more introns but in an antisense orientation, such as any one or more of the antisense intron sequences presented in the attached sequence listings. For example, the present invention also covers the expression of for example a sense intron (e.g. SEQ.I.D.No. 38) in combination with for example an antisense intron which preferably is not complementary to the sense intron sequence (e.g. SEQ.I.D.No.
10 16).

The terms "cell", "tissue" and "organ" include cell, tissue and organ *per se* and when within an organism.

- 15 The term "organism" in relation to the present invention includes any organism that could comprise the nucleotide sequence according to the present invention and/or wherein the nucleotide sequence according to the present invention can be expressed when present in the organism. Preferably the organism is a starch producing organism such as any one of a plant, algae, fungi, yeast and bacteria, as well as cell lines thereof. Preferably the
20 organism is a plant.

The term "starch producing organism" includes any organism that can biosynthesise starch. Preferably, the starch producing organism is a plant.

- 25 The term "plant" as used herein includes any suitable angiosperm, gymnosperm, monocotyledon and dicotyledon. Typical examples of suitable plants include vegetables such as potatoes; cereals such as wheat, maize, and barley; fruit; trees; flowers; and other plant crops. Preferably, the term means "potato".

- 30 The term "transgenic organism" in relation to the present invention includes any organism that comprises the nucleotide sequence according to the present invention and/or products

obtained therefrom, and/or wherein the nucleotide sequence according to the present invention can be expressed within the organism. Preferably the nucleotide sequence of the present invention is incorporated in the genome of the organism. Preferably the transgenic organism is a plant, more preferably a potato.

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To prepare the host organism one can use prokaryotic or eukaryotic organisms. Examples of suitable prokaryotic hosts include *E. coli* and *Bacillus subtilis*. Teachings on the transformation of prokaryotic hosts is well documented in the art, for example see Sambrook *et al* (Sambrook *et al.* in Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, 2nd

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edition, 1989, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press).

Even though the enzyme according to the present invention and the nucleotide sequence coding for same are not disclosed in EP-B-0470145 and CA-A-2006454, those two documents do provide some useful background commentary on the types of techniques that may be employed to prepare transgenic plants according to the present invention. Some of these background teachings are now included in the following commentary.

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The basic principle in the construction of genetically modified plants is to insert genetic information in the plant genome so as to obtain a stable maintenance of the inserted genetic material.

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Several techniques exist for inserting the genetic information, the two main principles being direct introduction of the genetic information and introduction of the genetic information by use of a vector system. A review of the general techniques may be found in articles by Potrykus (Annu Rev Plant Physiol Plant Mol Biol [1991] 42:205-225) and Christou (Agro-Food-Industry Hi-Tech March/April 1994 17-27).

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Thus, in one aspect, the present invention relates to a vector system which carries a nucleotide sequence or construct according to the present invention and which is capable of introducing the nucleotide sequence or construct into the genome of an organism, such as a plant.

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The vector system may comprise one vector, but it can comprise two vectors. In the case of two vectors, the vector system is normally referred to as a binary vector system. Binary vector systems are described in further detail in Gynheung An *et al.* (1980),
5 Binary Vectors, *Plant Molecular Biology Manual A3*, 1-19.

One extensively employed system for transformation of plant cells with a given promoter or nucleotide sequence or construct is based on the use of a Ti plasmid from *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* or a Ri plasmid from *Agrobacterium rhizogenes* An *et al.*
10 (1986), *Plant Physiol.* 81, 301-305 and Butcher D.N. *et al.* (1980), *Tissue Culture Methods for Plant Pathologists*, eds.: D.S. Ingrams and J.P. Helgeson, 203-208. Several different Ti and Ri plasmids have been constructed which are suitable for the construction of the plant or plant cell constructs described above. A non-limiting example of such a Ti plasmid is pGV3850.

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The nucleotide sequence or construct of the present invention should preferably be inserted into the Ti-plasmid between the terminal sequences of the T-DNA or adjacent a T-DNA sequence so as to avoid disruption of the sequences immediately surrounding the T-DNA borders, as at least one of these regions appears to be essential for insertion of
20 modified T-DNA into the plant genome.

As will be understood from the above explanation, if the organism is a plant the vector system of the present invention is preferably one which contains the sequences necessary to infect the plant (e.g. the *vir* region) and at least one border part of a T-DNA sequence,
25 the border part being located on the same vector as the genetic construct.

Furthermore, the vector system is preferably an *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* Ti-plasmid or an *Agrobacterium rhizogenes* Ri-plasmid or a derivative thereof. As these plasmids are well-known and widely employed in the construction of transgenic plants, many vector
30 systems exist which are based on these plasmids or derivatives thereof.

In the construction of a transgenic plant the nucleotide sequence or construct of the present invention may be first constructed in a microorganism in which the vector can replicate and which is easy to manipulate before insertion into the plant. An example of a useful microorganism is *E. coli*, but other microorganisms having the above properties
5 may be used. When a vector of a vector system as defined above has been constructed in *E. coli*, it is transferred, if necessary, into a suitable *Agrobacterium* strain, e.g. *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*. The Ti-plasmid harbouring the nucleotide sequence or construct of the present invention is thus preferably transferred into a suitable *Agrobacterium* strain, e.g. *A. tumefaciens*, so as to obtain an *Agrobacterium* cell
10 harbouring the promoter or nucleotide sequence or construct of the present invention, which DNA is subsequently transferred into the plant cell to be modified.

If, for example, for the transformation the Ti- or Ri-plasmid of the plant cells is used, at least the right boundary and often however the right and the left boundary of the Ti- and
15 Ri-plasmid T-DNA, as flanking areas of the introduced genes, can be connected. The use of T-DNA for the transformation of plant cells has been intensively studied and is described in EP-A-120516; Hoekema, in: The Binary Plant Vector System Offset-drukkerij Kanters B.B., Alblaserdam, 1985, Chapter V; Fraley, *et al.*, Crit. Rev. Plant Sci., 4:1-46; and An *et al.*, EMBO J. (1985) 4:277-284.

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Direct infection of plant tissues by *Agrobacterium* is a simple technique which has been widely employed and which is described in Butcher D.N. *et al.* (1980), *Tissue Culture Methods for Plant Pathologists*, eds.: D.S. Ingrams and J.P. Helgeson, 203-208. For further teachings on this topic see Potrykus (Annu Rev Plant Physiol Plant Mol Biol
25 [1991] 42:205-225) and Christou (Agro-Food-Industry Hi-Tech March/April 1994 17-27). With this technique, infection of a plant may be performed in or on a certain part or tissue of the plant, i.e. on a part of a leaf, a root, a stem or another part of the plant.

Typically, with direct infection of plant tissues by *Agrobacterium* carrying the GOI (such
30 as the nucleotide sequence according to the present invention) and, optionally, a promoter, a plant to be infected is wounded, e.g. by cutting the plant with a razor blade

or puncturing the plant with a needle or rubbing the plant with an abrasive. The wound is then inoculated with the *Agrobacterium*. The inoculated plant or plant part is then grown on a suitable culture medium and allowed to develop into mature plants.

- 5 When plant cells are constructed, these cells may be grown and maintained in accordance with well-known tissue culturing methods such as by culturing the cells in a suitable culture medium supplied with the necessary growth factors such as amino acids, plant hormones, vitamins, etc.
- 10 Regeneration of the transformed cells into genetically modified plants may be accomplished using known methods for the regeneration of plants from cell or tissue cultures, for example by selecting transformed shoots using an antibiotic and by subculturing the shoots on a medium containing the appropriate nutrients, plant hormones, etc.

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Further teachings on plant transformation may be found in EP-A-0449375.

- As reported in CA-A-2006454, a large amount of cloning vectors are available which contain a replication system in *E. coli* and a marker which allows a selection of the
- 20 transformed cells. The vectors contain for example pBR 322, pUC series, M13 mp series, pACYC 184 etc. In this way, the nucleotide or construct of the present invention can be introduced into a suitable restriction position in the vector. The contained plasmid is then used for the transformation in *E. coli*. The *E. coli* cells are cultivated in a suitable nutrient medium and then harvested and lysed. The plasmid is then recovered.
 - 25 As a method of analysis there is generally used sequence analysis, restriction analysis, electrophoresis and further biochemical-molecular biological methods. After each manipulation, the used DNA sequence can be restricted and connected with the next DNA sequence. Each sequence can be cloned in the same or different plasmid.

- 30 After the introduction of the nucleotide sequence or construct according to the present invention in the plants the presence and/or insertion of further DNA sequences may be

necessary - such as to create combination systems as outlined above (e.g. an organism comprising a combination of constructs).

5 The above commentary for the transformation of prokaryotic organisms and plants with the nucleotide sequence of the present invention is equally applicable for the transformation of those organisms with the promoter of the present invention.

In summation, the present invention relates to affecting enzyme activity by expressing sense intron sequences.

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Also, the present invention relates to a promoter useful for the expression of those sense intron sequences.

15 The following samples have been deposited in accordance with the Budapest Treaty at the recognised depositary The National Collections of Industrial and Marine Bacteria Limited (NCIMB) at 23 St Machar Drive, Aberdeen, Scotland, AB2 1RY, United Kingdom, on 13 July 1995:

NCIMB 40754 (which refers to pBEA 11 as described herein);

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NCIMB 40751 (which refers to λ -SBE 3.2 as described herein), and

NCIMB 40752 (which refers to λ -SBE 3.4 as described herein).

25 A highly preferred embodiment of the present invention therefore relates to a method of affecting enzymatic activity in a plant (or a cell, a tissue or an organ thereof) comprising expressing in the plant (or a cell, a tissue or an organ thereof) a nucleotide sequence wherein the nucleotide sequence codes, partially or completely, for an intron in a sense orientation; wherein the nucleotide sequence does not contain a sequence that is sense to
30 an exon sequence normally associated with the intron; wherein starch branching enzyme activity is affected and/or the levels of amylopectin are affected and/or the composition of

starch is changed; and wherein the intron nucleotide sequence is the sequence of intron 1 of class A SBE as set forth in SEQ. ID. No. 38, or any other intron of class A SBE, including fragments thereof, and including combinations of class A sense intron sequences and class B sense or antisense intron sequences. The sequence of introns of class A SBE other than intron 1 may be obtained by sequencing of, for example, potato class A SBE genomic DNA, isolatable by hybridisation screening of a genomic DNA library with class A SBE cDNA obtainable according to WO96/34968 according to methods well known in the art and set forth, for example, in Sambrook *et al.*, Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor, 1989.

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The present invention will now be described only by way of example, in which reference is made to the following attached Figures:

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Figure 1, which is a schematic representation of the biosynthesis of amylose and amylopectin;

Figure 2, which is a diagrammatic representation of the α -1-4-links and the α -1-6 links of amylopectin;

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Figure 3, which is a diagrammatic representation of the exon-intron structure of a genomic SBE clone;

Figure 4, which is a plasmid map of pPATA1, which is 3936 bp in size;

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Figure 5, which is a plasmid map of pABE7, which is 5106 bp in size;

Figure 6, which is a plasmid map of pVictorIV Man, which is 7080 bp in size;

Figure 7, which is a plasmid map of pBEA11, which is 9.54 kb in size;

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Figure 8, which shows the full genomic nucleotide sequence for SBE including the promoter, exons and introns;

Figure 9, which is a plasmid map of pVictor5a, which is 9.12 kb in size;

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Figure 10, which is a plasmid map of pBEP2, which is 10.32 kb in size;

Figure 11, which shows the positioning of intron 1 in the class A and class B SBE genes;

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Figure 12, which shows the sequence of intron 1 of the potato class A SBE;

Figure 13, which shows pSS15; and

Figure 14, which shows pSS16.

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Figures 1 and 2 were referred to above in the introductory description concerning starch in general. As mentioned, Figure 3 is a diagrammatic representation of the exon-intron structure of a genomic SBE clone, the sequence of which is shown in Figure 8. This clone, which has about 11.5 k base pairs, comprises 14 exons and 13 introns. The introns are numbered in increasing order from the 5' end to the 3' end and correspond to SEQ.I.D.No.s 1-13, respectively. Their respective antisense intron sequences are shown as SEQ.I.D.No.s 15-27.

In more detail, Figures 3 and 8 present information on the 11468 base pairs of a potato SBE gene. The 5' region from nucleotides 1 to 2082 contain the promoter region of the SBE gene. A TATA box candidate at nucleotide 2048 to 2051 is boxed. The homology between a potato SBE cDNA clone (Poulsen & Kreiberg (1993) Plant Physiol 102: 1053-1054) and the exon DNAs begin at 2083 bp and end at 9666 bp. The homology between the cDNA and the exon DNA is indicated by nucleotides in upper case letters, while the translated amino acid sequences are shown in the single letter code below the exon DNA. Intron sequences are indicated by lower case letters.

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Figure 7 is a plasmid map of pBEA7, which is 9.54 k base pairs in size. Plasmid pBEA 11 comprises the first intron sequence of the potato SBE gene. This first intron sequence, which has 1177 base pairs, is shown in Figure 3 and lies between the first exon and the second exon.

These experiments and aspects of the present invention are now discussed in more detail.

10 EXPERIMENTAL PROTOCOL

ISOLATION, SUBCLONING IN PLASMIDS, AND SEQUENCING OF GENOMIC SBE CLONES

Various clones containing the potato SBE gene are isolated from a Desiree potato genomic library (Clontech Laboratories Inc., Palo Alto CA, USA) using radioactively labelled potato SBE cDNA (Poulsen & Kreiberg (1993) Plant Physiol. 102:1053-1054) as probe. The fragments of the isolated λ -phages containing SBE DNA (λ SBE 3.2 - NCIMB 40751 - and λ SBE-3.4 - NCIMB 40752) are identified by Southern analysis and then subcloned into pBluescript II vectors (Clontech Laboratories Inc., Palo Alto CA, USA). λ SBE 3.2 contains a 15 kb potato DNA insert and λ SBE-3.4 contains a 13 kb potato DNA insert. The resultant plasmids are called pGB3, pGB11, pGB15, pGB16 and pGB25 (see discussion below). The respective inserts are then sequenced using the Pharmacia Autoread Sequencing Kit (Pharmacia, Uppsala) and a A.L.F. DNA sequencer (Pharmacia, Uppsala).

In total, a stretch of 11.5 kb of the SBE gene is sequenced. The sequence is deduced from the above-mentioned plasmids, wherein: pGB25 contains the sequences from 1 bp to 836 bp, pGB15 contains the sequences from 735 bp to 2580 bp, pGB16 contains the sequences from 2580 bp to 5093 bp, pGB11 contains the sequences from 3348 bp to 7975 bp, and pGB3 contains the sequences from 7533 bp to 11468 bp.

In more detail, pGB3 is constructed by insertion of a 4 kb *EcoRI* fragment isolated from λ SBE 3.2 into the *EcoRI* site of pBluescript II SK (+). pGB11 is constructed by

insertion of a 4.7 kb *XhoI* fragment isolated from λ SBE 3.4 into the *XhoI* site of pBluescript II SK (+). pGB15 is constructed by insertion of a 1.7 kb *SpeI* fragment isolated from λ SBE 3.4 into the *SpeI* site of pBluescript II SK (+). pGB16 is constructed by insertion of a 2.5 kb *SpeI* fragment isolated from λ SBE 3.4 into the *SpeI* site of pBluescript II SK (+). For the construction of pGB25 a PCR fragment is produced with the primers

5' GGA ATT CCA GTC GCA GTC TAC ATT AC 3'

(SEQ. ID. No. 30)

and

10 5' CGG GAT CCA GAG GCA TTA AGA TTT CTG G 3'

(SEQ. ID. No. 31)

and λ SBE 3.4 as a template.

The PCR fragment is digested with *BamHI* and *EcoRI*, and inserted in pBluescript II SK (+) digested with the same restriction enzymes.

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CONSTRUCTION OF PLASMID pBEA11

The SBE intron 1 is amplified by PCR using the oligonucleotides

5' CGG GAT CCA AAG AAA TTC TCG AGG TTA CAT GG 3'

(SEQ. ID. No. 32)

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and

5' CGG GAT CCG GGG TAA TTT TTA CTA ATT TCA TG 3'

(SEQ. ID. No. 33)

and the λ SBE 3.4 phage containing the SBE gene as template.

The PCR product is digested with *BamHI* and inserted in a sense orientation in the *BamHI* site of plasmid pPATA1 (described in WO 94/24292) between the patatin promoter and the 35S terminator. This construction, pABE7, is digested with *KpnI*, and the 2.4 kb "patatin promoter-SBE intron 1- 35S terminator" *KpnI* fragment is isolated and inserted in the *KpnI* site of the plant transformation vector pVictorIV Man yielding plasmid pBEA11.

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CONSTRUCTION OF PLASMID pSS15.

The 2122 bp intron 1 sequence of the potato SBEII gene (see SEQ. ID. No. 38) is amplified by PCR from a genomic SBEII subclone using the primers 5' - CGG GAT CCC GTA TGT CTC ACT GTG TTT GTG GC - 3' (SEQ. ID. No. 34) and 5' - CGG GAT CCC CCT ACA TAC ATA TAT CAG ATT AG - 3' (SEQ. ID. No. 35). The PCR product is digested with BamHI and inserted in sense orientation after a patatin promoter in the BamHI site of a plant transformation vector in which the NPTII gene is used as selectable marker (see figure 13).

CONSTRUCTION OF PLASMID pSS16.

The 2122 bp intron 1 sequence of the potato SBEII gene (SEQ. ID. No. 38) is amplified by PCR from a genomic SBEII subclone using the primers 5' - CGG GAT CCC GTA TGT CTC ACT GTG TTT GTG GC - 3' (SEQ. ID. No. 34) and 5' - CGG GAT CCC CCT ACA TAC ATA TAT CAG ATT AG - 3' (SEQ. ID. No. 35). The PCR product is digested with BamHI and inserted in sense orientation after a patatin promoter in the BamHI site of a plant transformation vector in which the *manA* gene is used as selectable marker (see figure 14).

PRODUCTION OF TRANSGENIC POTATO PLANTS

Axenic stock cultures

Shoot cultures of *Solanum tuberosum* 'Bintje' and 'Dianella' are maintained on a substrate (LS) of a formula according to Linsmaier, E.U. and Skoog, F. (1965), Physiol. Plant. 18: 100-127, in addition containing 2 µM silver thiosulphate at 25°C and 16 h light/8 h dark.

The cultures are subcultured after approximately 40 days. Leaves are then cut off the shoots and cut into nodal segments (approximately 0.8 cm) each containing one node.

Inoculation of potato tissues

Shoots from approximately 40 days old shoot cultures (height approximately 5-6 cms) are cut into internodal segments (approximately 0.8 cm). The segments are placed into liquid LS-substrate containing the transformed *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* containing the binary vector of interest. The *Agrobacterium* are grown overnight in YMB-substrate

(di-potassium hydrogen phosphate, trihydrate (0.66 g/l); magnesium sulphate, heptahydrate (0.20 g/l); sodium chloride (0.10 g/l); mannitol (10.0 g/l); and yeast extract (0.40 g/l)) containing appropriate antibiotics (corresponding to the resistance gene of the *Agrobacterium* strain) to an optical density at 660 nm (OD-660) of approximately 0.8, centrifuged and resuspended in the LS-substrate to an OD-660 of 0.5.

The segments are left in the suspension of *Agrobacterium* for 30 minutes and then the excess of bacteria are removed by blotting the segments on sterile filter paper.

Co-cultivation

The shoot segments are co-cultured with bacteria for 48 hours directly on LS-substrate containing agar (8.0 g/l), 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2.0 mg/l) and trans-zeatin (0.5 mg/l). The substrate and also the explants are covered with sterile filter papers, and the petri dishes are placed at 25°C and 16 h light/ 8 dark.

"Washing" procedure

After the 48 h on the co-cultivation substrate the segments are transferred to containers containing liquid LS-substrate containing 800 mg/l carbenicillin. The containers are gently shaken and by this procedure the major part of the *Agrobacterium* is either washed off the segments and/or killed.

Selection

After the washing procedure the segments are transferred to plates containing the LS-substrate, agar (8 g/l), trans-zeatin (1-5 mg/l), gibberellic acid (0.1 mg/l), carbenicillin (800 mg/l), and kanamycin sulphate (50-100 mg/l) or phosphinotricin (1-5 mg/l) or mannose (5 g/l) depending on the vector construction used. The segments are sub-cultured to fresh substrate each 3-4 weeks. In 3 to 4 weeks, shoots develop from the segments and the formation of new shoots continued for 3-4 months.

Rooting of regenerated shoots

The regenerated shoots are transferred to rooting substrate composed of LS-substrate, agar (8 g/l) and carbenicillin (800 mg/l). The transgenic genotype of the

regenerated shoot are verified by testing the rooting ability on the above mentioned substrates containing kanamycin sulphate (200 mg/l), by performing NPTII assays (Radke, S. E. et al, Theor. Appl. Genet. (1988), 75: 685-694) or by performing PCR analysis according to Wang *et al* (1993, NAR 21 pp 4153-4154). Plants which are not
5 positive in any of these assays are discarded or used as controls. Alternatively, the transgenic plants could be verified by performing a GUS assay on the co-introduced β -glucuronidase gene according to Hodal, L. *et al.* (Pl. Sci. (1992), 87: 115-122).

Transfer to soil

10 The newly rooted plants (height approx. 2-3 cms) are transplanted from rooting substrate to soil and placed in a growth chamber (21°C, 16 hour light 200-400uE/m²/sec). When the plants are well established they are transferred to the greenhouse, where they are grown until tubers had developed and the upper part of the plants are senescing.

15 Harvesting

The potatoes are harvested after about 3 months and then analysed.

BRANCHING ENZYME ANALYSIS

The SBE expression in the transgenic potato lines are measured using the SBE
20 assays described by Blennow and Johansson (Phytochemistry (1991) 30:437-444) and by standard Western procedures using antibodies directed against class A and class B potato SBE.

STARCH ANALYSIS

25 Starch is isolated from potato tubers and analysed for the amylose:amylopectin ratio (Hovenkamp-Hermelink et al. (1988) Potato Research 31:241-246). In addition, the chain length distribution of amylopectin is determined by analysis of isoamylase digested starch on a Dionex HPAEC. The number of reducing ends in isoamylase digested starch is determined by the method described by N. Nelson (1944) J. Biol.Chem. 153:375-380.

The results revealed that there is a reduction in the level of synthesis of SBE and/or the level of activity of SBE and/or the composition of starch SBE in the transgenic plants.

5 CONSTRUCTION OF SBE PROMOTER CONSTRUCT

An SBE promoter fragment is amplified from λ -SBE 3.4 using primers:

5' CCA TCG ATA CTT TAA GTG ATT TGA TGG C 3'

(SEQ. ID. No. 36)

and

10 5' CGG GAT CCT GTT CTG ATT CTT GAT TTC C 3'.

(SEQ. ID. No. 37)

The PCR product is digested with *ClaI* and *BamHI*. The resultant 1.2 kb fragment is then inserted in pVictor5a (see Figure 9) linearised with *ClaI* and *BgIII* yielding pBEP2 (see Figure 10).

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STARCH BRANCHING ENZYME MEASUREMENTS OF POTATO TUBERS

Potatoes from potato plants transformed with pBEA11 are cut in small pieces and homogenised in extraction buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, Sodium-dithionite (0.1 g/l), and 2 mM DTT) using a Ultra-Turax homogenizer; 1 g of Dowex xl. is added pr. 10 g of
20 tuber. The crude homogenate is filtered through a miracloth filter and centrifuged at 4°C for 10 minutes at 24,700 g. The supernatant is used for starch branching enzyme assays. The starch branching enzyme assays are carried out at 25 °C in a volume of 400 μ l composed of 0.1 M Na citrate buffer pH 7.0, 0.75 mg/ml amylose, 5 mg/ml bovine serum albumin and the potato extract. At 0, 15 30 and 60 minutes aliquots of 50 μ l are
25 removed from the reaction into 20 μ l 3 N HCl. 1 ml of iodine solution is added and the decrease in absorbance at 620 nm is measured with an ELISA spectrophotometer.

The starch branching enzyme (SBE) levels in tuber extracts are measured from 24 transgenic Dianella potato plants transformed with plasmid pBEA11, pSS15 and pSS16.

The results show that the BEA11, SS15 and SS16 transgenic lines produce tubers
30 which have class B and class A SBE levels, respectively, that are only 10 % to 15 % of the SBE levels found in non transformed Dianella plants.

In a further experiment, plasmids pSS15 and pBEA11 are cotransfected into potato plants, as described above. In the cotransfectants, when analysed as set forth above, simultaneous reduction of class A and class B SBE levels are observed.

5 SUMMATION

The above-mentioned examples relate to the isolation and sequencing of a gene for potato SBE. The examples further demonstrate that it is possible to prepare SBE intron constructs. These SBE intron constructs can be introduced into plants, such as potato plants. After introduction, a reduction in the level of synthesis of SBE and/or the level of activity of SBE and/or the composition of starch in plants can be achieved.

Without wishing to be bound by theory it is believed that the expressed sense intron nucleotide sequence according to the present invention affects enzymatic activity via co-suppression and/or trans-activation. Reviews of these mechanisms has been published by Finnegan and McElroy (1994 Biotechnology 12 pp 883 - 887) and Matzke and Matzke (1995 TIG 11 No. 1 pp 1 - 3). By these mechanisms, it is believed that the sense introns of the present invention reduce the level of plant enzyme activity (in particular SBE activity), which in turn for SBE activity is believed to influence the amylose:amylopectin ratio and thus the branching pattern of amylopectin.

Thus, the present invention provides a method wherein it is possible to manipulate the starch composition in plants, or tissues or cells thereof, such as potato tubers, by reducing the level of SBE activity by using sense intron sequences.

The simultaneous reduction or elimination of class A and class B SBE sequences from the doubly transformed potato plants, moreover, offers the possibility to transform such plants with different SBE genes at will, thus allowing the manipulation of branching in starch according to the desired result.

In summation the present invention therefore relates to the surprising use of SBE class A sense intron sequences in a method to affect class A SBE activity in plants.

Other modifications of the present invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art without departing from the scope of the present invention.

The following pages present a number of sequence listings which have been consecutively numbered from SEQ.I.D. No. 1 - SEQ.I.D. No. 38. In brief, SEQ.I.D. No. 1 - SEQ.I.D. No. 13 represent sense intron sequences (genomic DNA); SEQ.I.D.

No. 14 represents the SBE promoter sequence (genomic sequence); SEQ.I.D. No. 15 -
SEQ.I.D. No. 27 represent antisense intron sequences; and SEQ. I.D. No. 28 represents
the sequence complementary to the SBE promoter sequence - i.e. the SBE promoter
sequence in antisense orientation. The full genomic nucleotide sequence for SBE
5 including the promoter, exons and introns is shown as SEQ. I.D. No. 29 (see Figures 3
and 8 which highlight particular gene features). SEQ. ID. No. 30 to 37 show primers
used in the methods set forth above. SEQ. ID. No. 38 represents the nucleotide sequence
of intron 1 of the class A potato SBE gene.

SEQUENCE LISTING

(1) GENERAL INFORMATION:

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(i) APPLICANT:

- (A) NAME: DANISCO A/S
- (B) STREET: LANGEBROGADE 1
- (C) CITY: COPENHAGEN K
- (E) COUNTRY: DENMARK
- (F) POSTAL CODE (ZIP): DK-1001

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(ii) TITLE OF INVENTION: INHIBITION OF GENE EXPRESSION

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(iii) NUMBER OF SEQUENCES: 38

(iv) COMPUTER READABLE FORM:

- (A) MEDIUM TYPE: Floppy disk
- (B) COMPUTER: IBM PC compatible
- (C) OPERATING SYSTEM: PC-DOS/MS-DOS
- (D) SOFTWARE: PatentIn Release #1.0, Version #1.30 (EPO)

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 1:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 1165 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 1:

5	GTAATTTTGA CTAATTTTCAT GTTAATTTCA ATTATTTTGA GCCTTTGCAT TTCATTTTCC	60
	AATATATCTG GATCATCTCC TTAGTTTTTT ATTTTATTTT TTATAATATC AAATATGGAA	120
	GAAAAATGAC ACTTGTAGAG CCATATGTAA GTATCATGTG ACAAATTTGC AAGGTGGTTG	180
10	AGTGTATAAA ATTCAAAAAT TGAGAGATGG AGGGGGGGTG GGGGAAGACA ATATTAGAA	240
	AGAGTGTTCT AGGAGGTTAT GGAGGACACG GATGAGGGGT AGAAGGTTAG TTAGGTATTT	300
15	GAGTGTTGTC TGGCTTATCC TTTCATACTA GTAGTCGTGG AATTATTTGG GTAGTTTCTT	360
	GTTTGTTTAT TTGATCTTTG TTATCTATT TTCTGTTTCT TGTACTTCGA TTATTGTATT	420
	ATATATCTTG TCGTAGTTAT TGTTCCTCGG TAAGAATGCT CTAGCATGCT TCCTTTAGTG	480
20	TTTTATCATG CCTTCTTTAT ATTCGCGTTG CTTTGAAATG CTTTTACTTT AGCCGAGGGT	540
	CTATTAGAAA CAATCTCTCT ATCTCGTAAG GTAGGGGTAA AGTCCTCACC AACTCCACT	600
25	TGTGGGATTA CATTGTGTTT GTTGTGTAA ATCAATTATG TATACATAAT AAGTGGATTT	660
	TTTACAACAC AAATACATGG TCAAGGGCAA AGTCTGAAC ACATAAAGG TTCATTATAT	720
	GTCCAGGGAT ATGATAAAAA TTGTTTCTTT GTGAAAGTTA TATAAGATTT GTTATGGCTT	780
30	TTGCTGGAAA CATAATAAGT TATAATGCTG AGATAGCTAC TGAAGTTTGT TTTTCTAGC	840
	CTTTTAAATG TACCAATAAT AGATTCCGTA TCGAACGAGT ATGTTTTGAT TACCTGGTCA	900
35	TGATGTTTCT ATTTTTTACA TTTTTTGGT GTTGAAGTGC AATTGAAAAT GTTGATCCT	960
	ATGAGACGGA TAGTTGAGAA TGTGTTCTTT GTATGGACCT TGAGAAGCTC AAACGCTACT	1020

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CCAATAATTT CTATGAATTC AAATTCAGTT TATGGCTACC AGTCAGTCCA GAAATTAGGA 1080
TATGCTGCAT ATACTTGTTT AATTATACTG TAAAATTTCT TAAGTTCTCA AGATATCCAT 1140
5 GTAACCTCGA GAATTTCTTT GACAG 1165

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 2:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

10 (A) LENGTH: 317 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

15 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 2:

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GTATGTTTGA TAATTTATAT GGTGTCATGG ATAGTATATA AATAGTTGGA AAACCTTCTGG 60
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30 TCGTTCCGCC AATTTATAAT ACCTTAACTT GGGAAAGACA GCTCTTTACT CCTGTGGGCA 180
TTTGTTATTT GAATTACAAT CTTTATGAGC ATGGTGTTTT CACATTATCA ACTTCTTTCA 240
TGTGGTATAT AACAGTTTTT AGCTCCGTTA ATACCTTTCT TCTTTTGTAT ATAACTAAC 300
35 TGTGGTGCAT TGCTTGC 317

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 3:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 504 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

10 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 3:

20 GTAACAGCCA AAAGTTGTGC TTAGGCAGT TTGACCTTAT TTTGGAAGAT GAATTGTTTA 60
TACCTACTTT GACTTTGCTA GAGAATTTTG CATACCGGGG AGTAAGTAGT GGCTCCATTT 120
AGGTGGCACC TGGCCATTTT TTTGATCTTT TAAAAAGCTG TTTGATTGGG TCTTCAAAAA 180
25 AGTAGACAAG GTTTTTGGAG AAGTGACACA CCCCCGGAGT GTCAGTGGCA AAGCAAAGAT 240
TTTCACTAAG GAGATTCAAA ATATAAAAAA AGTATAGACA TAAAGAAGCT GAGGGGATTC 300
AACATGTACT ATACAAGCAT CAAATATAGT CTTAAAGCAA TTTTGTAGAA ATAAAGAAAG 360
30 TCTTCCTTCT GTTGCTTCAC AATTCCTTC TATTATCATG AGTTACTCTT TCTGTTGAA 420
ATAGCTTCCT TAATATTAAA TTCATGATAC TTTTGTTGAG ATTTAGCAGT TTTTCTTGT 480
35 GTAAACTGCT CTCTTTTTTT GCAG 504

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 4:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 146 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 4:

GTAGGTCCTC GTCTACTACA AAATAGTAGT TTCCATCATC ATAACAGATT TTCCTATTAA 60

20 AGCATGATGT TGCAGCATCA TTGGCTTCT TACATGTTCT AATTGCTATT AAGGTTATGC 120

TTCTAATTAA CTCATCCACA ATGCAG 146

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 5:

25

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 218 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 5:

5 GTTTTGTTAT TCATACCTTG AAGCTGAATT TTGAACACCA TCATCACAGG CATTTCGATT 60
CATGTTCTTA CTAGTCTTGT TATGTAAGAC ATTTTGAAAT GCAAAAGTTA AAATAATTGT 120
GTCTTTACTA ATTTGGACTT GATCCCATAC TCTTCCCTT AACAAAATGA GTCAATTCTA 180
10 TAAGTGCTTG AGAACTTACT ACTTCAGCAA TTAAACAG 218

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 6:

15 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 198 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 6:

GTATTTTAAA TTTATTTCTA CAACTAAATA ATTCTCAGAA CAATTGTTAG ATAGAATCCA 60
AATATATACG TCCTGAAAGT ATAAAAGTAC TTATTTTCGC CATGGGCCTT CAGAATATTG 120
35 GTAGCCGCTG AATATCATGA TAAGTTATTT ATCCAGTGAC ATTTTATGT TCACTCCTAT 180
TATGTCTGCT GGATACAG 198

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 7:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- 5 (A) LENGTH: 208 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

10 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 7:

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GTCTGTCTGT TTCTATTGCA TTTTAAGGTT CATATAGGTT AGCCACGGAA AATCTCACTC 60
TTTGTGAGGT AACCAGGGTT CTGATGGATT ATTCAATTTT CTCGTTTATC ATTTGTTTAT 120
25 TCTTTTCATG CATTGTGTTT CTTTTTCAAT ATCCCTCTTA TTTGGAGGTA ATTTTCTCA 180
TCTATTCACCT TTTAGCTTCT AACCACAG 208

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 8:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 293 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
35 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 8:

10 GTATGTCTTA CATCTTTAGA TATTTTGTGA TAATTACAAT TAGTTTGGCT TACTTGAACA 60
AGATTCATTC CTCAAATGA CCTGAACTGT TGAACATCAA AGGGGTTGAA ACATAGAGGA 120
AAACAACATG ATGAATGTTT CCATTGTCTA GGGATTTCTA TTATGTTGCT GAGAACAAAT 180
15 GTCATCTTAA AAAAAACATT GTTTACTTTT TTGTAGTATA GAAGATTACT GTATAGAGTT 240
TGCAAGTGTG TCTGTTTTGG AGTAATTGTG AAATGTTTGA TGAAC TTGTA CAG 293

20 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 9:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 376 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

25 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

30 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 9:

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GTTCAAGTAT TTTGAATCGC AGCTTGTTAA ATAATCTAGT AATTTT TAGA TTGCTTACTT 60
GGAAGTCTAC TTGGTTCTGG GGATGATAGC TCATTTTCATC TTGTTCTACT TATTTTCCAA 120
5 CCGAATTTCT GATTTTTGTT TCGAGATCCA AGTATTAGAT TCATTTACAC TTATTACCGC 180
CTCATTCTTA CCACTAAGGC CTGATGAGC AGCTTAAGTT GATTCTTTGA AGCTATAGTT 240
TCAGGCTACC AATCCACAGC CTGCTATATT TGTGGATAC TTACCTTTTC TTTACAATGA 300
10 AGTGATACTA ATTGAAATGG TCTAAATCTG ATATCTATAT TTCTCCGTCT TTCCTCCCCC 360
TCATGATGAA ATGCAG 376

15 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 10:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 172 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
20 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

25 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 10:

GTAAAATCAT CTAAAGTTGA AAGTGTTGGG TTTATGAAGT GCTTTAATTC TATCCAAGGA 60
35 CAAGTAGAAA CCTTTTACC TTCCATTCT TGATGATGGA TTTCATATTA TTAAATCCAA 120
TAGCTGGTCA AATTCGGTAA TAGCTGTACT GATTAGTTAC TTCACCTTGC AG 172

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 11:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- 5 (A) LENGTH: 145 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

10 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 11:

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GTATATATGT TTTACTTATC CATGAAATTA TTGCTCTGCT TGTTTTTAAT GTACTGAACA 60

AGTTTTATGG AGAAGTAACT GAAACAAATC ATTTTCACAT TGTCTAATTT AACTCTTTTT 120

25 TCTGATCCTC GCATGACGAA AACAG 145

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 12:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- 30 (A) LENGTH: 242 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

35 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 12:

GTAAGGATTT GCTTGAATAA CTTTGTATAA TAAGATAACA GATGTAGGGT ACAGTTCTCT 60
10 CACCAAAAAG AACTGTAATT GTCTCATCCA TCTTTAGTTG TATAAGATAT CCGACTGTCT 120
GAGTTCGGAA GTGTTTGAGC CTCCTGCCCT CCCCCTGCGT TGTTTAGCTA ATTCAAAAAG 180
GAGAAAAC TG TTTATTGATG ATCTTTGTCT TCATGCTGAC ATACAATCTG TTCTCATGAC 240
15 AG 242

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 13:

20 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 797 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 13:

GTACAGTTCT TGCCGTGTGA CCTCCCTTTT TATTGTGGTT TTGTTTATAG TTATTGAAT 60

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GCGATAGAAG TTAAGTATTG ATTACCGCCA CAATCGCCAG TTAAGTCCTC TGAAGTACTA 120

ATTGAAAGG TAGGAATAGC CGTAATAAGG TCTACTTTTG GCATCTTACT GTTACAAAAC 180

5 AAAAGGATGC CAAAAAATT CTTCTCTATC CTCTTTTTCCT CTAACCAGT GCATGTAGCT 240

TGCACCTGCA TAACTTAGG TAAATGATCA AAAATGAAGT TGATGGGAAC TTAAACCGC 300

CCTGAAGTAA AGCTAGGAAT AGTCATATAA TGTCCACCTT TGGTGTCTGC GCTAACATCA 360

10 ACAACAACAT ACCTCGTGTA GTCCACAAA GTGGTTTCAG GGGGAGGGTA GAGTGTATGC 420

AAAATTACT CCTATCTCAG AGGTAGAGAG GATTTTTTCA ATAGACCCTT GGCTCAAGAA 480

15 AAAAGTCCA AAAAGAAGTA ACAGAAGTGA AAGCAACATG TGTAGCTAAA GCGACCCAAC 540

TTGTTTGGGA CTGAAGTAGT TGTGTTGTT GAAACAGTGC ATGTAGATGA ACACATGTCA 600

GAAATGGAC AACACAGTTA TTTTGTGCAA GTCAAAAAA TGTACTACTA TTTCTTTGTG 660

20 CAGCTTTATG TATAGAAAAG TTAAATAACT AATGAATTTT GCTAGCAGAA AAATAGCTTG 720

GAGAGAAATT TTTTATATTG AACTAAGCTA ACTATATTCA TCTTTCTTTT TGCTTCTTCT 780

25 TCTCCTTGTT TGTGAAG 797

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 14:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- 30 (A) LENGTH: 2169 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

35 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 14:

	ATCATGGCCA ATTACTGGTT CAAATGCATT ACTTCCTTTC AGATTCTTTC GAGTTCTCAT	60
10	GACCGGTCCT ACTACAGACG ATACTAACCC GTGGAAGTGT TGCATCTGCT TCTTAGAACT	120
	CTATGGCTAT TTTCGTTAGC TTGGCGTCGG TTGAACATA GTTTTGTGTT TCAAACCTTT	180
	CATTTACAGT CAAAATGTTG TATGGTTTTT GTTTCCTCA ATGATGTTTA CAGTGTTGTG	240
15	TTGTCATCTG TACTTTTGCC TATTACTTGT TTTGAGTTAC ATGTTAAAAA AGTGTTTATT	300
	TTGCCATATT TTGTTCTCTT ATTATTATTA TCATACATAC ATTATTACAA GGAAAAGACA	360
20	AGTACACAGA TCTTAACGTT TATGTTCAAT CAACTTTTGG AGGCATTGAC AGGTACCACA	420
	AATTTTGAGT TTATGATTAA GTTCAATCTT AGAATATGAA TTTAACATCT ATTATAGATG	480
	CATAAAAATA GCTAATGATA GAACATTGAC ATTTGGCAGA GCTTAGGGTA TGGTATATCC	540
25	AACGTTAATT TAGTAATTTT TGTTACGTAC GTATATGAAA TATTGAATTA ATCACATGAA	600
	CGGTGGATAT TATATTATGA GTTGGCATCA GCAAATCAT TGGTGTAGTT GACTGTAGTT	660
30	GCAGATTTAA TAATAAATG GTAATTAACG GTCGATATTA AAATAACTCT CATTTCAAGT	720
	GGGATTAGAA CTAGTTATTA AAAAAATGTA TACTTTAAGT GATTTGATGG CATATAATTT	780
	AAAGTTTTTC ATTTCATGCT AAAATTGTTA ATTATTGTAA TGTAGACTGC GACTGGAATT	840
35	ATTATAGTGT AAATTTATGC ATTCAGTGTA AAATTAAAGT ATTGAACTTG TCTGTTTTAG	900
	AAAATACTTT ATACTTTAAT ATAGGATTTT GTCATGCGAA TTTAAATTAA TCGATATTGA	960

	ACACGGAATA CCAAAATTAA AAAGGATACA CATGGCCTTC ATATGAACCG TGAACCTTTG	1020
	ATAACGTGGA AGTTCAAAGA AGGTAAAGTT TAAGAATAAA CTGACAAATT AATTTCTTTT	1080
5	ATTTGGCCCA CTAATAAATT TGCTTTACTT TCTAACATGT CAAGTTGTGC CCTCTTAGTT	1140
	GAATGATATT CATTTTTTCAT CCCATAAGTT CAATTTGATT GTCATACCAC CCATGATGTT	1200
10	CTGAAAATG CTTGGCCATT CACAAAGTTT ATCTTAGTTC CTATGAACTT TATAAGAAGC	1260
	TTTAATTTGA CATGTTATTT ATATTAGATG ATATAATCCA TGACCCAATA GACAAGTGTA	1320
	TTAATATTGT AACTTTGTAA TTGAGTGTGT CTACATCTTA TTCAATCATT TAAGGTCATT	1380
15	AAAATAAATT ATTTTTTGAC ATTCTAAAAC TTTAAGCAGA ATAAATAGTT TATCAATTAT	1440
	TAAAAACAAA AAACGACTTA TTTATAAATC AACAAACAAT TTTAGATTGC TCCAACATAT	1500
20	TTTTCCAAAT TAAATGCAGA AAATGCATAA TTTTATACTT GATCTTTATA GCTTATTTTT	1560
	TTTAGCCTAA CCAACGAATA TTTGTAACT CACAACCTGA TTAAAAGGGA TTTACAACAA	1620
	GATATATATA AGTAGTGACA AATCTTGATT TTAAATATTT TAATTTGGAG GTCAAAATTT	1680
25	TACCATAATC ATTTGTATTT ATAATTAAAT TTTAAATATC TTATTTATAC ATATCTAGTA	1740
	AACTTTTAAA TATACGTATA TACAAAATAT AAAATTATTG GCGTTCATAT TAGGTCAATA	1800
30	AATCCTTAAC TATATCTGCC TTACCACTAG GAGAAAGTAA AAAACTCTTT ACCAAAAATA	1860
	CATGTATTAT GTATACAAAA AGTCGATTAG ATTACCTAAA TAGAAATTGT ATAACGAGTA	1920
	AGTAAGTAGA AATATAAAAA AACTACAATA CTAAAAAAA TATGTTTAC TTCAATTTTCG	1980
35	AAACTAATGG GGTCTGAGTG AAATATTCAG AAAGGGGAGG ACTAACAAAA GGGTCATAAT	2040
	GTTTTTTTAT AAAAAGCCAC TAAAATGAGG AAATCAAGAA TCAGAACATA CAAGAAGGCA	2100

GCAGCTGAAG CAAAGTACCA TAATTTAATC AATGGAAATT AATTTCAAAG TTTTATCAAA 2160

ACCCATTTCG 2169

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 15:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- 10 (A) LENGTH: 1165 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

15 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 15:

25 CTGTCAAAGA AATTCTCGAG GTTACATGGA TATCTTGAGA ACTTAAGAAA TTTTACAGTA 60

TAATTGAACA AGTATATGCA GCATATCCTA ATTTCTGGAC TGA CTGGTAG CCATAAACTG 120

AATTTGAATT CATAGAAATT ATTGGAGTAG CGTTTGAGCT TCTCAAGGTC CATACAAAGA 180

30 ACACATTCTC AACTATCCGT CTCATAGGAT ACAACATTTT CAATTGCAGT TCAACACCAA 240

AAAAATGTAA AAAATAGAAA CATCATGACC AGGTAATCAA AACATACTCG TTCGATACGG 300

35 AATCTATTAT TGGTACATTT AAAAGGCTAG AAAAAACAAA CTTCAGTAGC TATCTCAGCA 360

TTATACTTA TTATGTTTCC AGCAAAAGCC ATAACAAATC TTATATAACT TTCACAAAGA 420

AACAATTTT ATCATATCCC TGGACATATA ATGAACCCTT TATGTGTTCA GAACTTTGCC 480
CTTGACCATG TATTTGTGTT GTAAAAATC CACTTATTAT GTATACATAA TTGATTTACA 540
5 ACAACAAACA CAATGTAATC CCACAAGTGG AGTGTGGTGA GGACTTTACC CCTACCTTAC 600
GAGATAGAGA GATTGTTTCT AATAGACCCT CGGCTAAAGT AAAAGCATTT CAAAGCAACG 660
CGAATATAAA GAAGGCATGA TAAACACTA AAGGAAGCAT GCTAGAGCAT TCTTACCGAG 720
10 GAACAATAAC TACGACAAGA TATATAATAC AATAATCGAA GTACAAGAAA CAGAAAATAG 780
AATAACAAAG ATCAAATAAC AAAACAAGAA ACTACCCAAA TAATTCCACG ACTACTAGTA 840
15 TGAAAGGATA AGCCAGACAA CACTCAAATA CCTAACTAAC CTTCTACCCC TCATCCGTGT 900
CCTCCATAAC CTCCTAGAAC ACTCTTTCTA AATATTGTCT TCCCCACCC CCCCTCCATC 960
TCTCAATTTT TGAATTTTAT AACTCAACC ACCTTGCAAA TTTGTCACAT GATACTTACA 1020
20 TATGGCTCTA CAAGTGTCAT TTTTCTTCCA TATTTGATAT TATAAAAAAT AAAATAAAAA 1080
ACTAAGGAGA TGATCCAGAT ATATTGAAA ATGAAATGCA AAGGCTAAAA ATAATTGAAA 1140
25 TTAACATGAA ATTAGTAAAA ATTAC 1165

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 16:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- 30 (A) LENGTH: 317 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

35 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 16:

	GCAAGCAATG CACCACAGTT AGTTTATATC AAAAAGAAGA AAGGTATTAA CGGAGCTAAA	60
10	AACTGTTATA TACCACATGA AAGAAGTTGA TAATGTGAAA ACACCATGCT CATAAAGATT	120
	GTAATTCAAA TAACAAATGC CCACAGGAGT AAAGAGCTGT CTTTCCAAG TTAAGGTATT	180
	ATAAATTGGC GGAACGAAGT AACACATGTT TGACATCTCC ACACGGTGCA CAGATCAAAT	240
15	ATGCCATGAG CACCAGTCCA GAAGTTTTC AACTATTTAT ATACTATCCA TGCAACCATA	300
	TAAATTATCA AACATAC	317

20 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 17:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

	(A) LENGTH: 504 base pairs
	(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
25	(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
	(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

30 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 17:

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CTGCAAAAAA AGAGAGCAGT TTACACAAGA AAAAAGTCT AAATCTCAAC AAAAGTATCA 60

TGAATTTAAT ATTAAGGAAG CTATTTTCGAA CAGAAAGAGT AACTCATGAT AATAGAAGGA 120

5 AATTGTGAAG CAACAGAAGG AAGACTTTCT TTATTTCTAC AAAATTGCTT TAAGACTATA 180

TTTGATGCTT GTATAGTACA TGTGAATCC CCTCAGCTTC TTTATGTCTA TACTTTTTTT 240

ATATTTTGAA TCTCCTTAGT GAAAATCTTT GCTTTGCCAC TGACACTCCG GGGGTGTGTC 300

10 ACTTCTCCAA AAACCTTGTC TACTTTTTTG AAGACCCAAT CAAACAGCTT TTAAAAGAT 360

CAAAAAATG GCCAGGTGCC ACCTAAATGG AGCCACTACT TACTCCCCGG TATGCAAAAT 420

15 TCTCTAGCAA AGTCAAAGTA GGTATAAACA ATTCATCTTC CAAAATAAGG TCAAACTGCC 480

TAAAGCACAA CTTTGGCTG TTAC 504

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 18:

20

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 146 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 18:

CTGCATTGTG GATGAGTTAA TTAGAAGCAT AACCTTAATA GCAATTAGAA CATGTAAGAA 60

AGCCAATGAT GCTGCAACAT CATGCTTTAA TAGGAAAATC TGTTATGATG ATGGAAACTA 120

CTATTTTGTA GTAGACGAGG ACCTAC 146

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 19:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

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(A) LENGTH: 218 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 19:

25 CTGTTTAATT GCTGAAGTAG TAAGTTCTCA AGCACTTATA GAATTGACTC ATTTTGTTAA 60

GGGAAAGAGT ATGGGATCAA GTCCAAATTA GTAAAGACAC AATTATTTTA ACTTTTGCAT 120

TTCAAAATGT CTTACATAAC AAGACTAGTA AGAACATGAA TCGAAATGCC TGTGATGATG 180

30

GTGTTCAAAA TTCAGCTTCA AGGTATGAAT AACAAAAC 218

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 20:

35

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 198 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

5 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 20:

CTGTATCCAG CAGACATAAT AGGAGTGAAC ATAAAAATGT CACTGGATAA ATAACTTATC	60
15 ATGATATTCA GCGGCTACCA ATATTCTGAA GGCCCATGGC GAAAATAAGT ACTTTTATAC	120
TTTCAGGACG TATATATTTG GATTCTATCT AACAAATTGTT CTGAGAATTA TTTAGTTGTA	180
20 GAAATAAATT TAAAATAC	198

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 21:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

25	(A) LENGTH: 208 base pairs
	(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
	(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
	(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

30 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 21:

CTGTGGTTAG AAGCTAAAAG TGAATAGATG AGAAAAATTA CCTCCAAATA AGAGGGATAT 60
5 TGAAAAAGAA ACACAATGCA TGAAAGAAT AAACAAATGA TAAACGAGAA AATTGAATAA 120
TCCATCAGAA CCCTGGTTAC CTCACAAAGA GTGAGATTTT CCGTGGCTAA CCTATATGAA 180
CCTTAAAATG CAATAGAAAC AGACAAAC 208

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 22:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

15 (A) LENGTH: 293 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 22:

30 CTGTACAAGT TCATCAAACA TTTCACAATT ACTCCAAAAC AGACACACTT GCAAACCTCTA 60
TACAGTAATC TTCTATACTA CAAAAAGTA AACAAATGTTT TTTTAAAGAT GACATTTGTT 120
CTCAGCAACA TAATAGAAAT CCCTAGACAA TGGAAACATT CATCATGTTG TTTTCCTCTA 180
35 TGTTTCAACC CCTTTGATGT TCAACAGTTC AGGTCATTTT GAGGAATGAA TCTTGTTCAA 240
GTAAGCCAAA CTAATTGTAA TTATCACAAA ATATCTAAAG ATGTAAGACA TAC 293

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 23:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- 5 (A) LENGTH: 376 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

10 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

15 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 23:

20 CTGCATTCA TCATGAGGGG GAGGAAAGAC GGAGAAATAT AGATATCAGA TTTAGACCAT 60
TTCAATTAGT ATCACTTCAT TGTAAGAAA AGGTAAGTAT CCAACAAATA TAGCAGGCTG 120
25 TGGATTGGTA GCCTGAAACT ATAGCTTCAA AGAATCAACT TAAGCTGCTC ATCAAGGCCT 180
TAGTGGTAGA AATGAGGCGG TAATAAGTGT AAATGAATCT AATACTTGA TCTCGAAACA 240
AAAATCAGAA ATTCGGTTGG AAAATAAGTA GAACAAGATG AAATGAGCTA TCATCCCCAG 300
30 AACCAAGTAG ACTTCCAAGT AAGCAATCTA AAAATTACTA GATTATTTAA CAAGCTGCGA 360
TTCAAATAC TTGAAC 376

35 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 24:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 172 base pairs

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- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

5 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 24:

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CTGCAAAGTG AAGTAACTAA TCAGTACAGC TATTACCGAA TTTGACCAGC TATTGGATTA 60

AATAATATGA AATCCATCAT CAAGAAATGG AAGGTAAAAA GGTTTCTACT TGTCCCTGGA 120

20 TAGAATTAAA GCACTTCATA AACCCAACAC TTCAACTTT AGATGATTTT AC 172

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 25:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

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- (A) LENGTH: 145 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 25:

CTGTTTTTCGT CATGCGAGGA TCAGAAAAAA GAGTTAAATT AGACAATGTG AAAATGATTT 60
5 GTTTCAGTTA CTTCTCCATA AAACCTGTTC AGTACATTAA AAACAAGCAG AGCAATAATT 120
TCATGGATAA GTAAAACATA TATAC 145

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 26:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 242 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 26:

CTGTCATGAG AACAGATTGT ATGTCAGCAT GAAGACAAAG ATCATCAATA AACAGTTTTTC 60
30 TCCTTTTTGA ATTAGCTAAA CAACGCAGGG GGAGGGCAGG AGGCTCAAAC ACTTCCGAAC 120
TCAGACAGTC GGATATCTTA TACAACTAAA GATGGATGAG ACAATTACAG TTCTTTTTTG 180
TGAGAGAACT GTACCCTACA TCTGTTATCT TATTATCAAA AGTTATTCAA GCAAATCCTT 240
35 AC 242

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 27:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 797 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

10 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 27:

CTTCACAAAC AAGGAGAAGA AGAAGCAAAA AGAAAGATGA ATATAGTTAG CTTAGTTCAA 60

20 TATAAAAAAT TTCTCTCCAA GCTATTTTTC TGCTAGCAAA ATTCATTAGT TATTAACTT 120

TTCTATACAT AAAGCTGCAC AAAGAAATAG TAGTACATTT TTTGACTTG CACAAAATAA 180

25 CTGTGTTGTC CATTTTCTGA CATGTGTTCA TCTACATGCA CTGTTTCAAC AACAACT 240

ACTTCAGTCC CAAACAAGTT GGGTCGCTTT AGCTACACAT GTTGCTTTCA CTTCTGTTAC 300

TTCTTTTGG ACTTTTTTTC TTGAGCCAAG GGTCTATTGA AAAATCCTC TCTACCTCTG 360

30 AGATAGGAGT AAGTTTTCGA TACACTCTAC CCTCCCCCTG AAACCACTTT GTGGGACTAC 420

ACGAGGTATG TTGTTGTTGA TGTTAGCGCA GACACCAAAG GTGGACATTA TATGACTATT 480

35 CCTAGCTTTA CTTCAGGGCG GTTTTAAGTT CCCATCAACT TCATTTTGA TCATTACCT 540

AAGTTTATGC AGGTGCAAGC TACATGCACT GGTTTAGGGA AAAAGAGGAT AGAGAAGAAT 600

TTTTTTGGCA TCCTTTTGTT TTGTAACAGT AAGATGCCAA AAGTAGACCT TATTACGGCT 660
ATTCTACCT TTCAAATTAG TAGTTCAGAG GACTTAACTG GCGATTGTGG CGGTAATCAA 720
5 TAGTTAACCTT CTATCGCATT CAAATAACTA TGAACAAAAC CACAATAAAA AGGGAGGTCA 780
CACGGCAAGA ACTGTAC 797

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 28:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 2169 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
15 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 28:

CGAATGGGTT TTGATAAAAC TTTGAAATTA ATTTCCATTG ATTAAATTAT GGTACTTTGC 60
30 TTCAGCTGCT GCCTTCTTGT ATGTTCTGAT TCTTGATTTC CTCATTTTAG TGGCTTTTAA 120
TAAAAAACA TTATGACCCT TTTGTTAGTC CTCCCCTTTC TGAATATTC ACTCAGACCC 180
CATTAGTTTC GAAATTGAAG TAAACATAT TTTTTTAGT ATTGTAGTTT TTTTATATTT 240
35 CTACTTACTT ACTCGTTATA CAATTCTAT TTAGGTAATC TAATCGACTT TTTGTATACA 300
TAATACATGT ATTTTGGTA AAGAGTTTTT TACTTTCTCC TAGTGGTAAG GCAGATATAG 360

	TTAAGGATTT ATTGACCTAA TATGAACGCC AATAATTTTA TATTTTGTAT ATACGTATAT	420
	TTAAAAGTTT ACTAGATATG TATAAATAAG ATATTTAAAA TTAAATTATA AATACAAATG	480
5	ATTATGGTAA AATTTTGACC TCCAAATTAA AATATTTAAA ATCAAGATTT GTCACTACTT	540
	ATATATATCT TGTTGTAAAT CCCTTTTAAT CAAGTTGTGA GTTACAAAT ATTCGTTGGT	600
10	TAGGCTAAAA AAAATAAGCT ATAAAGATCA AGTATAAAAT TATGCATTTT CTGCATTAA	660
	TTTGGAAAAA TATGTTGGAG CAATCTAAAA TTGTTTGTG ATTTATAAAT AAGTCGTTTT	720
	TTGTTTTTAA TAATTGATAA ACTATTTATT CTGCTTAAAG TTTTAGAATG TCAAAAAATA	780
15	ATTTATTTTA ATGACCTTAA ATGATTGAAT AAGATGTAGA CACACTCAAT TACAAAGTTA	840
	CAATATTAAT ACACTTGTCT ATTGGGTCAT GGATTATATC ATCTAATATA AATAACATGT	900
20	CAAATTAAAG CTTCTTATAA AGTTCATAGG AACTAAGATA AACTTTGTGA ATGGCCAAGC	960
	ATTTTTCAGA ACATCATGGG TGGTATGACA ATCAAATTGA ACTTATGGGA TGAAAAATGA	1020
	ATATCATTCA ACTAAGAGGG CACAACCTGA CATGTTAGAA AGTAAAGCAA ATTTAGTAGT	1080
25	GGGCCAAATA AAAGAAATTA ATTTGTCAGT TTATTCTTAA ACTTTACCTT CTTTGAACCT	1140
	CCACGTTATC AAAGGTTTAC GGTTTCATATG AAGGCCATGT GTATCCTTTT TAATTTGGT	1200
30	ATTCGTTGTT CAATATCGAT TAATTTAAAT TCGCATGACA AAATCCTATA TTAAAGTATA	1260
	AAGTATTTTC TAAAACAGAC AAGTTCAATA CTTTAATTTT AACTGAATG CATAAATTTA	1320
	CACTATAATA ATTCCAGTCG CAGTCTACAT TACAATAATT AACAATTTTA GCATGAAATG	1380
35	AAAAACTTTA AATTATATGC CATCAAATCA CTTAAAGTAT ACATTTTTTT AATAACTAGT	1440
	TCTAATCCCA CTTGAAATGA GAGTTATTTT AATATCGACC GTTAATTACC ATTTTATTAT	1500

TAAATCTGCA ACTACAGTCA ACTACACCAA TGATTTTGCT GATGCCAACT CATAATATAA 1560
TATCCACCGT TCATGTGATT AATTCAATAT TTCATATACG TACGTAACAA AAATTACTAA 1620
5 ATTAACGTTG GATATACCAT ACCCTAAGCT CTGCCAAATG TCAATGTTCT ATCATTAGCT 1680
ATTTTTATGC ATCTATAATA GATGTTAAAT TCATATTCTA AGATTGAACT TAATCATAAA 1740
10 CTCAAAATTT GTGGTACCTG TCAATGCCTC CAAAAGTTGA TTGAACATAA ACGTTAAGAT 1800
CTGTGTACTT GTCTTTTCCT TGTAATAATG TATGTATGAT AATAATAATA AGAGAACAAA 1860
ATATGGCAAA ATAAACACTT TTTTAACATG TAACTCAAAA CAAGTAATAG GCAAAAGTAC 1920
15 AGATGACAAC ACAACACTGT AAACATCATT GAGGAAAACA AAAACCATAC AACATTTTGA 1980
CTGTAAATGA AGAGTTTGAA AACAAAAACT ATGTTCAAAC CGACGCCAAG CTAACGAAAA 2040
20 TAGCCATAGA GTTCTAAGAA GCAGATGCAA CAGTCCACG GGTTAGTATC GTCTGTAGTA 2100
GGACCGGTCA TGAGAACTCG AAAGAATCTG AAAGGAAGTA ATGCATTTGA ACCAGTAATT 2160
GGCCATGAT 2169

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 29:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- 30 (A) LENGTH: 11469 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

5 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 29:

	ATCATGGCCA ATTACTGGTT CAAATGCATT ACTTCCTTTC AGATTCTTTC GAGTTCTCAT	60
	GACCGGTCCT ACTACAGACG ATACTAACCC GTGGAACGTG TGCATCTGCT TCTTAGAACT	120
10	CTATGGCTAT TTTCGTTAGC TTGGCGTCGG TTTGAACATA GTTTTGTGTT TCAAACCTTT	180
	CATTACAGT CAAAATGTTG TATGGTTTTT GTTTTCCTCA ATGATGTTTA CAGTGTTGTG	240
15	TTGTCATCTG TACTTTTGCC TATTACTTGT TTTGAGTTAC ATGTTAAAAA AGTGTTTATT	300
	TTGCCATATT TTGTTCTCTT ATTATTATTA TCATACATAC ATTATTACAA GGAAAAGACA	360
	AGTACACAGA TCTTAACGTT TATGTTCAAT CAACTTTTGG AGGCATTGAC AGGTACCACA	420
20	AATTTTGAGT TTATGATTAA GTTCAATCTT AGAATATGAA TTTAACATCT ATTATAGATG	480
	CATAAAAATA GCTAATGATA GAACATTGAC ATTTGGCAGA GCTTAGGGTA TGGTATATCC	540
25	AACGTTAATT TAGTAATTTT TGTTACGTAC GTATATGAAA TATTGAATTA ATCACATGAA	600
	CGGTGGATAT TATATTATGA GTTGGCATCA GCAAAATCAT TGGTGTAGTT GACTGTAGTT	660
	GCAGATTTAA TAATAAAATG GTAATTAACG GTCGATATTA AAATACTCT CATTCAAGT	720
30	GGGATTAGAA CTAGTTATTA AAAAAATGTA TACTTTAAGT GATTTGATGG CATATAATTT	780
	AAAGTTTTTC ATTTCATGCT AAAATTGTTA ATTATTGTAA TGTAGACTGC GACTGGAATT	840
35	ATTATAGTGT AAATTTATGC ATTCAGTGTA AAATTAAAGT ATTGAACTTG TCTGTTTTAG	900
	AAAATACTTT ATACTTTAAT ATAGGATTTT GTCATGCGAA TTAAATTAA TCGATATTGA	960

	ACACGGAATA CCAAAATTAA AAAGGATACA CATGGCCTTC ATATGAACCG TGAACCTTTG	1020
	ATAACGTGGA AGTTCAAAGA AGGTAAAGTT TAAGAATAAA CTGACAAATT AATTTCTTTT	1080
5	ATTTGGCCCA CTAATAAATT TGCTTTACTT TCTAACATGT CAAGTTGTGC CCTCTTAGTT	1140
	GAATGATATT CATTTTTTCAT CCCATAAGTT CAATTTGATT GTCATACCAC CCATGATGTT	1200
	CTGAAAAATG CTTGGCCATT CACAAAGTTT ATCTTAGTTC CTATGAACTT TATAAGAAGC	1260
10	TTTAATTGTA CATGTTATTT ATATTAGATG ATATAATCCA TGACCCAATA GACAAGTGTA	1320
	TTAATATTGT AACTTTGTAA TTGAGTGTGT CTACATCTTA TTCAATCATT TAAGGTCATT	1380
15	AAAATAAATT ATTTTTTGAC ATTCTAAAAC TTTAAGCAGA ATAAATAGTT TATCAATTAT	1440
	TAAAAACAAA AAACGACTTA TTTATAAATC AACAAACAAT TTTAGATTGC TCCAACATAT	1500
	TTTTCCAAAT TAAATGCAGA AAATGCATAA TTTTATACTT GATCTTTATA GCTTATTTTT	1560
20	TTTAGCCTAA CCAACGAATA TTTGTAACT CACAACCTGA TTAAAAGGGA TTTACAACAA	1620
	GATATATATA AGTAGTGACA AATCTTGATT TTAAATATTT TAATTTGGAG GTCAAAATTT	1680
25	TACCATAATC ATTTGTATTT ATAATTAAAT TTTAAATATC TTATTTATAC ATATCTAGTA	1740
	AACTTTTAAA TATACGTATA TACAAAATAT AAAATTATTG GCGTTCATAT TAGGTCAATA	1800
	AATCCTTAAC TATATCTGCC TTACCACTAG GAGAAAGTAA AAAACTCTTT ACCAAAAATA	1860
30	CATGTATTAT GTATACAAAA AGTCGATTAG ATTACCTAAA TAGAAATTGT ATAACGAGTA	1920
	AGTAAGTAGA AATATAAAAA AACTACAATA CTAAAAAAA TATGTTTTAC TTCAATTTCG	1980
35	AAACTAATGG GGTCTGAGTG AAATATTCAG AAAGGGGAGG ACTAACAAAA GGGTCATAAT	2040
	GTTTTTTTAT AAAAAGCCAC TAAATGAGG AAATCAAGAA TCAGAACATA CAAGAAGGCA	2100

	GCAGCTGAAG CAAAGTACCA TAATTTAATC AATGGAAATT AATTTCAAAG TTTTATCAAA	2160
	ACCCATTCGA GGATCTTTTC CATCTTCTC ACCTAAAGTT TCTTCAGGGG TAATTTTAC	2220
5	TAATTCATG TTAATTTCAA TTATTTTATG CCTTTCATT TCATTTTCCA ATATATCTGG	2280
	ATCATCTCCT TAGTTTTTTA TTTTATTTT TATAATATCA AATATGGAAG AAAAATGACA	2340
	CTTGTAAGC CATATGTAAG TATCATGTGA CAAATTTGCA AGGTGGTTGA GTGTATAAAA	2400
10	TTCAAAAATT GAGAGATGGA GGGGGGGTGG GGAAGACAA TATTTAGAAA GAGTGTCTA	2460
	GGAGGTTATG GAGGACACGG ATGAGGGGTA GAAGGTTAGT TAGGTATTTG AGTGTGTCT	2520
15	GGCTTATCCT TTCATACTAG TAGTCGTGGA ATTATTTGGG TAGTTTCTTG TTTTGTATT	2580
	TGATCTTGT TATTCTATTT TCTGTTTCTT GTACTTCGAT TATTGTATTA TATATCTGT	2640
	CGTAGTTATT GTTCCTCGGT AAGAATGCTC TAGCATGCTT CCTTTAGTGT TTTATCATGC	2700
20	CTTCTTTATA TTCGCGTTGC TTTGAAATGC TTTTACTTTA GCCGAGGGTC TATTAGAAAC	2760
	AATCTCTCTA TCTCGTAAGG TAGGGGTAAA GTCCTCACCA CACTCCACTT GTGGGATTAC	2820
25	ATTGTGTTTG TTGTTGTAAA TCAATTATGT ATACATAATA AGTGGATTTT TTACAACACA	2880
	AATACATGGT CAAGGGCAAA GTTCTGAACA CATAAAGGT TCATTATATG TCCAGGGATA	2940
	TGATAAAAAT TGTTCCTTTG TGAAAGTTAT ATAAGATTTG TTATGGCTTT TGCTGGAAC	3000
30	ATAATAAGTT ATAATGCTGA GATAGCTACT GAAGTTTGT TTTTCTAGCC TTTTAAATGT	3060
	ACCAATAATA GATTCCGTAT CGAACGAGTA TGTTTTGATT ACCTGGTCAT GATGTTTCTA	3120
35	TTTTTTACAT TTTTTTGGTG TTGAACTGCA ATTGAAAATG TTGTATCCTA TGAGACGGAT	3180
	AGTTGAGAAT GTGTTCTTTG TATGGACCTT GAGAAGCTCA AACGCTACTC CAATAATTTT	3240

	TATGAATTCA AATTCAGTTT ATGGCTACCA GTCAGTCCAG AAATTAGGAT ATGCTGCATA	3300
	TACTTGTTCA ATTATACTGT AAAATTTCTT AAGTTCTCAA GATATCCATG TAACCTCGAG	3360
5	AATTTCTTTG ACAGGCTTCT AGAAATAAGA TATGTTTTCC TTCTCAACAT AGTACTGGAC	3420
	TGAAGTTTGG ATCTCAGGAA CGGTCTTGGG ATATTTCTTC CACCCCAAAA TCAAGAGTTA	3480
	GAAAAGATGA AAGGGTATGT TTGATAATTT ATATGGTTGC ATGGATAGTA TATAAATAGT	3540
10	TGGAAACTT CTGGACTGGT GCTCATGGCA TATTGATCT GTGCACCGTG TGGAGATGTC	3600
	AAACATGTGT TACTTCGTTC CGCCAATTTA TAATACCTTA ACTTGGGAAA GACAGCTCTT	3660
15	TACTCCTGTG GGCATTGTGTT ATTTGAATTA CAATCTTTAT GAGCATGGTG TTTTCACATT	3720
	ATCAACTTCT TTCATGTGGT ATATAACAGT TTTTAGCTCC GTTAATACCT TTCTTCTTTT	3780
	TGATATAAAC TAACTGTGGT GCATTGCTTG CATGAAGCAC AGTTCAGCTA TTTCCGCTGT	3840
20	TTTGACCGAT GACGACAATT CGACAATGGC ACCCCTAGAG GAAGATGTCA AGACTGAAAA	3900
	TATTGGCCTC CTAAATTTGG ATCCAACCTT GGAACCTTAT CTAGATCACT TCAGACACAG	3960
25	AATGAAGAGA TATGTGGATC AGAAAATGCT CATTGAAAAA TATGAGGGAC CCCTTGAGGA	4020
	ATTTGCTCAA GGTAACAGCC AAAAGTTGTG CTTTAGGCAG TTTGACCTTA TTTTGAAGA	4080
	TGAATTGTTT ATACCTACTT TGACTTTGCT AGAGAATTTT GCATACCGGG GAGTAAGTAG	4140
30	TGGCTCCATT TAGGTGGCAC CTGGCCATTT TTTTGATCTT TTAAAAAGCT GTTTGATTGG	4200
	GTCTTCAAAA AAGTAGACAA GGTTTTTGA GAAGTGACAC ACCCCCGGAG TGTCAGTGGC	4260
35	AAAGCAAAGA TTTTCACTAA GGAGATTCAA AATATAAAAA AAGTATAGAC ATAAAGAAGC	4320
	TGAGGGGATT CAACATGTAC TATACAAGCA TCAATATAG TCTTAAAGCA ATTTTGTAGA	4380

	AATAAGAAA GTCTTCCTTC TGTGCTTCA CAATTCCTT CTATTATCAT GAGTTACTCT	4440
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5	TTTTTCTTG TGTAAGTGC TCTCTTTTTT TGCAGGTAT. TTAAATTG GATTCAACAG	4560
	GGAAGATGGT TGCATAGTCT ATCGTGAATG GGCTCCTGCT GCTCAGTAGG TCCTCGTCTA	4620
	CTACAAAATA GTAGTTTCCA TCATCATAAC AGATTTTCCT ATTAAAGCAT GATGTTGCAG	4680
10	CATCATTGGC TTTCTTACAT GTTCTAATTG CTATTAAGGT TATGCTTCTA ATTAACAT	4740
	CCACAATGCA GGGAAGCAGA AGTTATTGGC GATTTCATG GATGGAACGG TTCTAACCAC	4800
15	ATGATGGAGA AGGACCAGTT TGGTGTGTTG AGTATTAGAA TTCCTGATGT TGACAGTAAG	4860
	CCAGTCATTC CACACAATC CAGAGTTAAG TTTCGTTTCA AACATGGTAA TGGAGTGTGG	4920
	GATGATCGTA TCCCTGCTTG GATAAAGTAT GCCACTGCAG ACGCCACAAA GTTGCAGCA	4980
20	CCATATGATG GTGTCTACTG GGACCCACCA CCTTCAGAAA GGTGTTGTGA TTCATACCTT	5040
	GAAGCTGAAT TTTGAACACC ATCATCACAG GCATTTTCGAT TCATGTTCTT ACTAGTCTTG	5100
25	TTATGTAAGA CATTTTGAAA TGCAAAAGTT AAAATAATTG TGTCTTTACT AATTGGACT	5160
	TGATCCCATA CTCTTTCCT TAACAAAATG AGTCAATTCT ATAAGTGCTT GAGAACTTAC	5220
	TACTTCAGCA ATTAAACAGG TACCACTTCA AATACCCTCG CCTCCCAA CCCCAGCCC	5280
30	CACGAATCTA TGAAGCACAT GTCGGCATGA GCAGCTCTGA GCCACGTGTA AATTCGTATC	5340
	GTGAGTTTGC AGATGATGTT TTACCTCGGA TTAAGGCAAA TAACTATAAT ACTGTCCAGT	5400
35	TGATGGCCAT AATGGAACAT TCTTACTATG GATCATTG ATATCATGTT ACAAACCTTT	5460
	TTGCTGTGAG CAGTAGATAT GGAAACCCGG AGGACCTAAA GTATCTGATA GATAAAGCAC	5520

	ATAGCTTGGG TTTACAGGTT CTGGTGGATG TAGTTCACAG TCATGCAAGC AATAATGTCA	5580
	CTGATGGCCT CAATGGCTTT GATATTGGCC AAGGTTCTCA AGAATCCTAC TTTCATGCTG	5640
5	GAGAGCGAGG GTACCATAAG TTGTGGGATA GCAGGCTGTT CAACTATGCC AATTGGGAGG	5700
	TTCTTCGTTT CCTTCTTTCC AACTTGAGGT GGTGGCTAGA AGAGTATAAC TTTGACGGAT	5760
	TTCGATTGA TGGAATAACT TCTATGCTGT ATGTTTCATCA TGGAATCAAT ATGGGATTTA	5820
10	CAGGAACTA TAATGAGTAT TTCAGCGAGG CTACAGATGT TGATGCTGTG GTCTATTTAA	5880
	TGTTGGCCAA TAATCTGATT CACAAGATT TCCCAGATGC AACTGTTATT GCCGAAGATG	5940
15	TTTCTGGTAT GCCGGGCCTT GGCCGGCCTG TTTCTGAGGG AGGAATTGGT TTTGTTTACC	6000
	GCCTGGCAAT GGCAATCCCA GATAAGTGGA TAGATTATTT AAAGAATAAG AATGATGAAG	6060
	ATTGGTCCAT GAAGGAAGTA ACATCGAGTT TGACAAATAG GAGATATACA GAGAAGTGTA	6120
20	TAGCATATGC GGAGACCCAT GATCAGGTAT TTAAATTTA TTTCTACAAC TAAATAATTC	6180
	TCAGAACAAT TGTTAGATAG AATCCAAATA TATACGTCCT GAAAGTATAA AAGTACTTAT	6240
25	TTTCGCCATG GGCCTTCAGA ATATTGGTAG CCGCTGAATA TCATGATAAG TTATTTATCC	6300
	AGTGACATTT TTATGTTTAC TCCTATTATG TCTGCTGGAT ACAGTCTATT GTTGGTGACA	6360
	AGACCATTGC ATTTCTCCTA ATGGACAAAG AGATGTATTC TGGCATGTCT TGCTTGACAG	6420
30	ATGCTTCTCC TGTTGTTGAT CGAGGAATTG CGCTTCACAA GGTTTGTCTG TTTCTATTGC	6480
	ATTTTAAGGT TCATATAGGT TAGCCACGGA AAATCTCACT CTTTGTGAGG TAACCAGGGT	6540
35	TCTGATGGAT TATTCAATTT TCTCGTTTAT CATTGTGTTA TTCTTTTCAT GCATTGTGTT	6600
	TCTTTTTCAT TATCCCTCTT ATTTGGAGGT AATTTTCTC ATCTATTCAC TTTAGCTTC	6660

	TAACCACAGA TGATCCATTT TTTCACAATG GCCTTGGGAG GAGAGGGGTA CCTCAATTC	6720
	ATGGGTAACG AGGTATGTCT TACATCTTTA GATATTTTGT GATAATTACA ATTAGTTTGG	6780
5	CTTACTTGAA CAAGATTCAT TCCTCAAAAT GACCTGAACT GTTGAACATC AAAGGGGTTG	6840
	AAACATAGAG GAAAACAACA TGATGAATGT TTCCATTGTC TAGGGATTTC TATTATGTTG	6900
	CTGAGAACAA ATGTCATCTT AAAAAAACA TTGTTTACTT TTTTGTAGTA TAGAAGATTA	6960
10	CTGTATAGAG TTTGCAAGTG TGTCTGTTTT GGAGTAATTG TGAAATGTTT GATGAACTTG	7020
	TACAGTTTGG CCATCCTGAG TGGATTGACT TCCCTAGAGA GGGCAATAAT TGGAGTTATG	7080
15	ACAAATGTAG ACGCCAGTGG AACCTCGCGG ATAGCGAACA CTTGAGATAC AAGGTTCAAG	7140
	TATTTTGAAT CGCAGCTTGT TAAATAATCT AGTAATTTTT AGATTGCTTA CTTGGAAGTC	7200
	TACTTGGTTC TGGGGATGAT AGCTCATTTT ATCTTGTTCT ACTTATTTTC CAACCGAATT	7260
20	TCTGATTTTT GTTTCGAGAT CCAAGTATTA GATTCATTTA CACTTATTAC CGCCTCATTT	7320
	CTACCACTAA GGCCTTGATG AGCAGCTTAA GTTGATTCTT TGAAGCTATA GTTTCAGGCT	7380
25	ACCAATCCAC AGCCTGCTAT ATTTGTTGGA TACTTACCTT TTCTTTACAA TGAAGTGATA	7440
	CTAATTGAAA TGGTCTAAAT CTGATATCTA TATTTCTCCG TCTTTCCTCC CCCTCATGAT	7500
	GAAATGCAGT TTATGAATGC ATTTGATAGA GCTATGAATT CGCTCGATGA AAAGTTCTCA	7560
30	TTCTTCGCAT CAGGAAAACA GATAGTAAGC AGCATGGATG ATGATAATAA GGTAATAATCA	7620
	TCTAAAGTTG AAAGTGTGTTG GTTTATGAAG TGCTTTAATT CTATCCAAGG ACAAGTAGAA	7680
35	ACCTTTTTTAC CTTCCATTTT TTGATGATGG ATTCATATT ATTTAATCCA ATAGCTGGTC	7740
	AAATTCGGTA ATAGCTGTAC TGATTAGTTA CTTCACTTTG CAGGTTGTTG TGTTTGAACG	7800

	TGGTGACCTG GTATTTGTAT TCAACTTCCA CCCAAGAAG ACATACGAAG GGTATATATG	7860
	TTTACTTAT CCATGAAATT ATTGCTCTGC TTGTTTTTAA TGTACTGAAC AAGTTTTATG	7920
5	GAGAAAGTAAC TGAAACAAAT CATTTTCACA TTGTCTAATT TAACTCTTTT TTCTGATCCT	7980
	CGCATGACGA AAACAGGTAT AAAGTTGGAT GTGACTTGCC AGGGAAGTAC AGAGTTGCAC	8040
	TGGACAGTGA TGCTTGGGAA TTTGGTGGCC ATGGAAGAGT AAGGATTGTC TTGAATAACT	8100
10	TTTGATAATA AGATAACAGA TGTAGGGTAC AGTTCTCTCA CCAAAAAGAA CTGTAATTGT	8160
	CTCATCCATC TTTAGTTGTA TAAGATATCC GACTGTCTGA GTTCGGAAGT GTTTGAGCCT	8220
15	CCTGCCCTCC CCCTGCGTTG TTTAGCTAAT TCAAAAAGGA GAAACTGTT TATTGATGAT	8280
	CTTTGTCTTC ATGCTGACAT ACAATCTGTT CTCATGACAG ACTGGTCATG ATGTTGACCA	8340
	TTTCACATCA CCAGAAGGAA TACCTGGAGT TCCAGAAACA AATTTCAATG GTCGTCCAAA	8400
20	TTCCTTCAAA GTGCTGTCTC CTGCGCGAAC ATGTGTGGTA CAGTTCTTGC CGTGTGACCT	8460
	CCCTTTTTAT TGTGGTTTTG TTCATAGTTA TTTGAATGCG ATAGAAGTTA ACTATTGATT	8520
25	ACCGCCACAA TCGCCAGTTA AGTCCTCTGA ACTACTAATT TGAAAGGTAG GAATAGCCGT	8580
	AATAAGGTCT ACTTTTGGCA TCTTACTGTT ACAAACAAA AGGATGCCAA AAAAATTCTT	8640
	CTCTATCCTC TTTTCCCTA AACCAGTGCA TGAGCTTGC ACCTGCATAA ACTTAGGTAA	8700
30	ATGATCAAAA ATGAAGTTGA TGGGAACCTA AAACCGCCCT GAAGTAAAGC TAGGAATAGT	8760
	CATATAATGT CCACCTTTGG TGTCTGCGCT AACATCAACA ACAACATACC TCGTGTAGTC	8820
35	CCACAAAGTG GTTTCAGGGG GAGGGTAGAG TGTATGCAAA ACTTACTCCT ATCTCAGAGG	8880
	TAGAGAGGAT TTTTCAATA GACCCTTGGC TCAAGAAAAA AAGTCCAAA AGAAGTAACA	8940

	GAAGTGAAAG CAACATGTGT AGCTAAAGCG ACCCAACTTG TTTGGGACTG AAGTAGTTGT	9000
	TGTTGTTGAA ACAGTGCATG TAGATGAACA CATGTCAGAA AATGGACAAC ACAGTTATTT	9060
5	TGTGCAAGTC AAAAAATGT ACTACTATTT CTTTGTGCAG CTTTATGTAT AGAAAAGTTA	9120
	AATAACTAAT GAATTTTGCT AGCAGAAAAA TAGCTTGGAG AGAAATTTT TATATTGAAC	9180
	TAAGCTAACT ATATTCATCT TTCTTTTTCG TTCTTCTTCT CCTTGTTTGT GAAGGCTTAT	9240
10	TACAGAGTTG ATGAACGCAT GTCAGAACT GAAGATTACC AGACAGACAT TTGTAGTGAG	9300
	CTACTACCAA CAGCCAATAT CGAGGAGAGT GACGAGAAAC TTAAAGATTC GTTATCTACA	9360
15	AATATCAGTA ACATTGACGA ACGCATGTCA GAACTGAAG TTTACCAGAC AGACATTTCT	9420
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(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

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(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "Synthetic DNA Primer"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 30:

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(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "Synthetic DNA Primer"

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "Synthetic DNA Primer"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "Synthetic DNA Primer"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

20 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
35 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "Synthetic DNA Primer"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 36:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 37:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 28 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(A) DESCRIPTION: /desc = "Synthetic DNA Primer"

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 37:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 38:

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(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
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5 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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10 ATCTGATATA TGTATGTAGG GA 2122

CLAIMS

1. A method of affecting enzymatic activity in a plant (or a cell, a tissue or an organ thereof) comprising expressing in the plant (or a cell, a tissue or an organ thereof) a
5 nucleotide sequence wherein the nucleotide sequence codes, partially or completely, for an intron of a class A potato starch branching enzyme in a sense orientation, optionally together with a nucleotide sequence which codes, partially or completely, for an intron of a class B starch branching enzyme in a sense or antisense orientation; and wherein the nucleotide sequence does not contain a sequence that is sense to an exon sequence
10 normally associated with the intron.
2. A method according to claim 1 wherein starch branching enzyme activity is affected and/or wherein the levels of amylopectin are affected and/or the composition of starch is changed.
- 15 3. A method of affecting enzymatic activity in a starch producing organism (or a cell, a tissue or an organ thereof) comprising expressing in the starch producing organism (or a cell, a tissue or an organ thereof) a nucleotide sequence wherein the nucleotide sequence codes, partially or completely, for an intron of a class A starch branching enzyme in a
20 sense orientation, optionally together with a nucleotide sequence which codes, partially or completely, for an intron of a class B starch branching enzyme in a sense or antisense orientation; wherein the nucleotide sequence does not contain a sequence that is sense to an exon sequence normally associated with the intron; and wherein starch branching enzyme activity is affected and/or the levels of amylopectin are affected and/or the
25 composition of starch is changed.
4. A method according to any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the nucleotide sequence does not contain a sequence that is sense to an exon sequence.
- 30 5. A method according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the enzymatic activity is reduced or eliminated.

6. A method according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the nucleotide sequence codes for at least substantially all of at least one intron in a sense orientation.
- 5 7. A method according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the nucleotide sequence codes for all of at least one intron in a sense orientation.
8. A method according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the nucleotide sequence comprises the sequence shown as SEQ. ID. No. 38, or a variant, derivative or
10 homologue thereof.
9. A method according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the nucleotide sequence is expressed by a promoter having a sequence shown as SEQ.I.D. No. 14 or a variant, derivative or homologue thereof.
- 15 10. A promoter having a sequence shown as SEQ.I.D. No. 14, or a variant, derivative or homologue thereof.
11. A promoter according to claim 10 in combination with a gene of interest ("GOI").
- 20 12. A construct capable of comprising or expressing the invention according to any one of claims 10 and 11.
13. A vector comprising or expressing the invention according to any one of claims 10
25 to 12.
14. A combination of nucleotide sequences comprising a first nucleotide sequence coding for a recombinant enzyme; and a second nucleotide sequence which corresponds to a class A SBE intron in a sense orientation; wherein the intron is an intron that is
30 associated with a genomic gene encoding an enzyme corresponding to the recombinant

enzyme; and wherein the second nucleotide sequence does not contain a sequence that is sense to an exon sequence normally associated with the intron.

15 15. A cell, tissue or organ comprising or expressing the invention according to any one of claims 10 to 14.

16. A transgenic starch producing organism comprising or expressing the invention according to any one of claims 10 to 15.

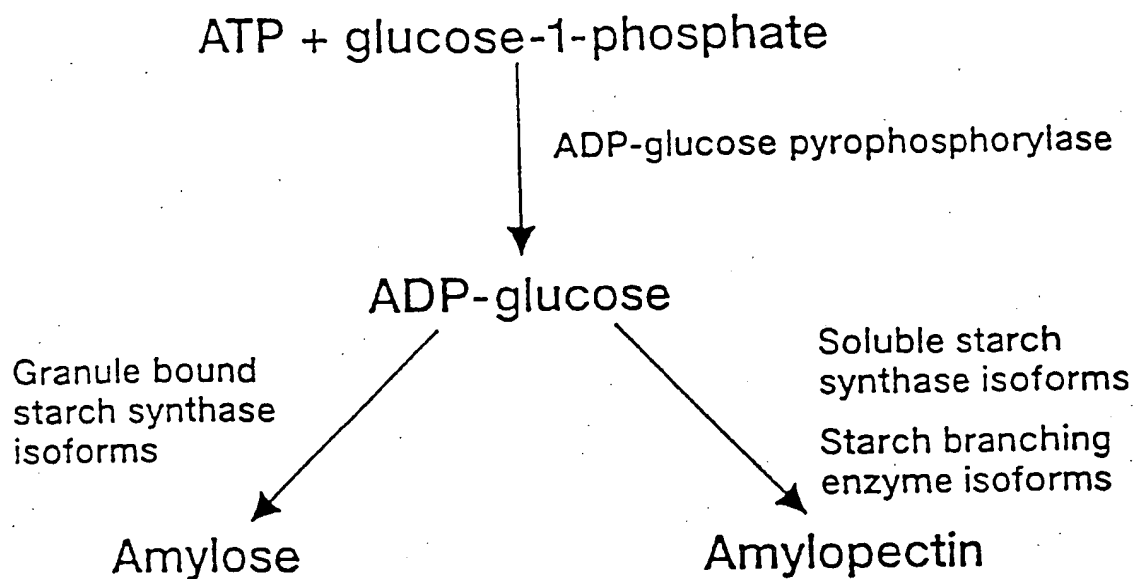
10 17. A transgenic starch producing organism according to claim 16 wherein the organism is a plant.

18. A starch obtained from the invention according to any one of the preceding claims.

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19. A method of expressing a recombinant protein or enzyme in a host organism comprising expressing a nucleotide sequence coding for the recombinant protein or enzyme; and expressing a further nucleotide sequence; wherein the further nucleotide sequence codes, partially or completely, for a class A SBE intron in a sense orientation; 20 wherein the intron is an intron normally associated with the genomic gene encoding a protein or an enzyme corresponding to the recombinant protein or enzyme; and wherein the further nucleotide sequence does not contain a sequence that is sense to an exon sequence normally associated with the intron.

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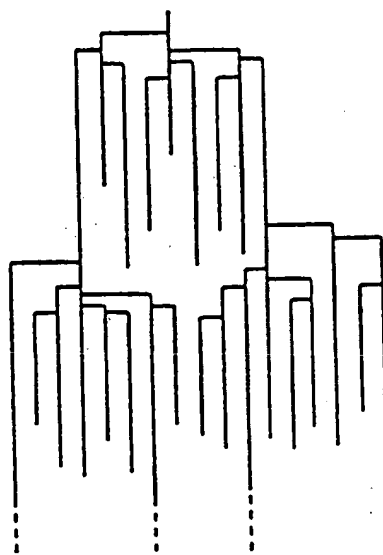


FIG. 1

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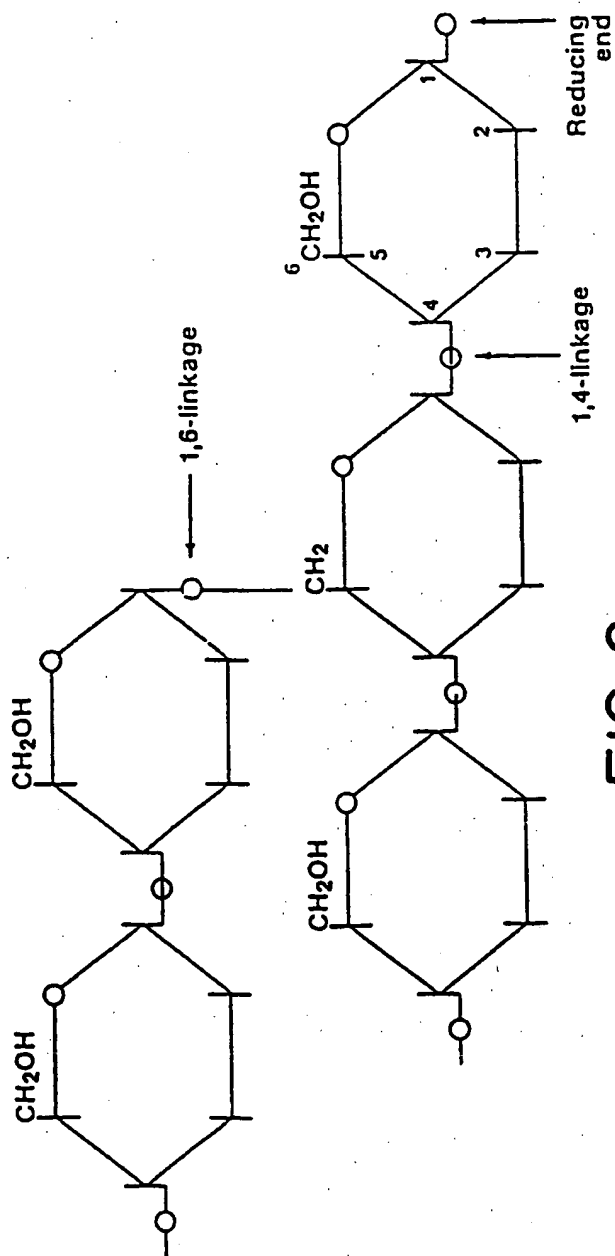


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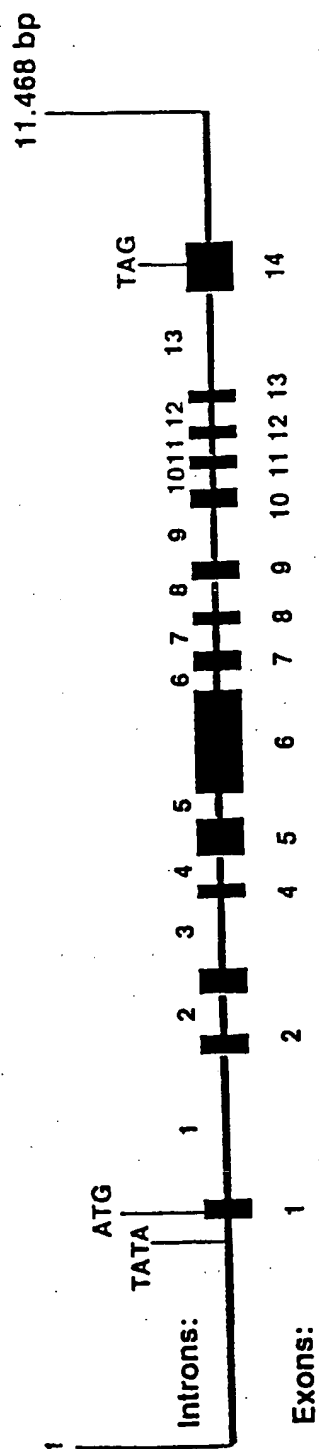


FIG. 3

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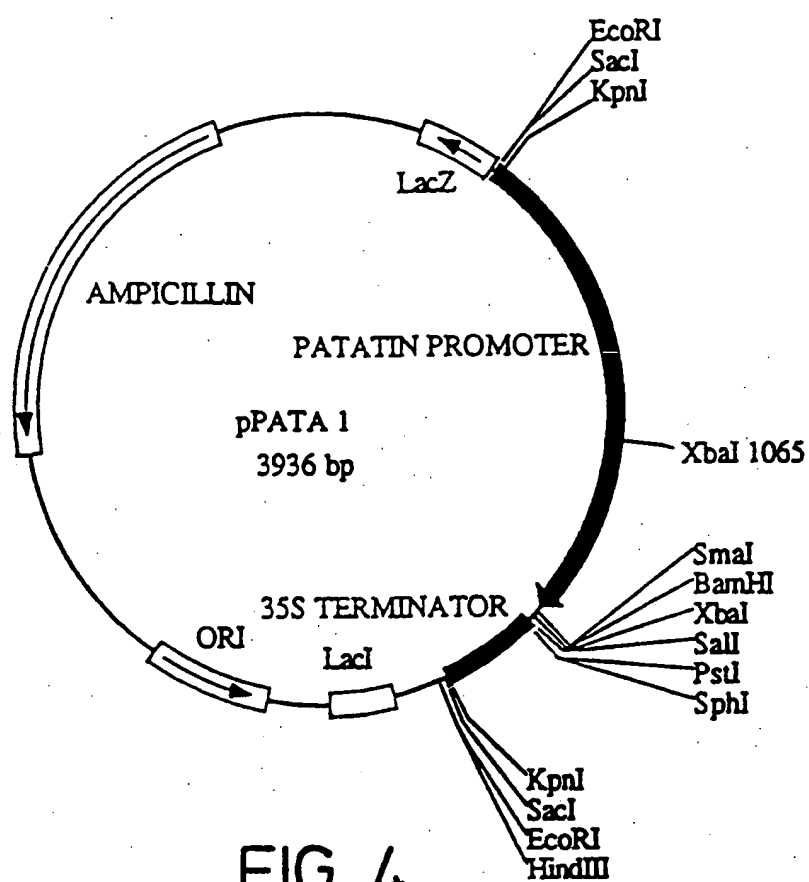
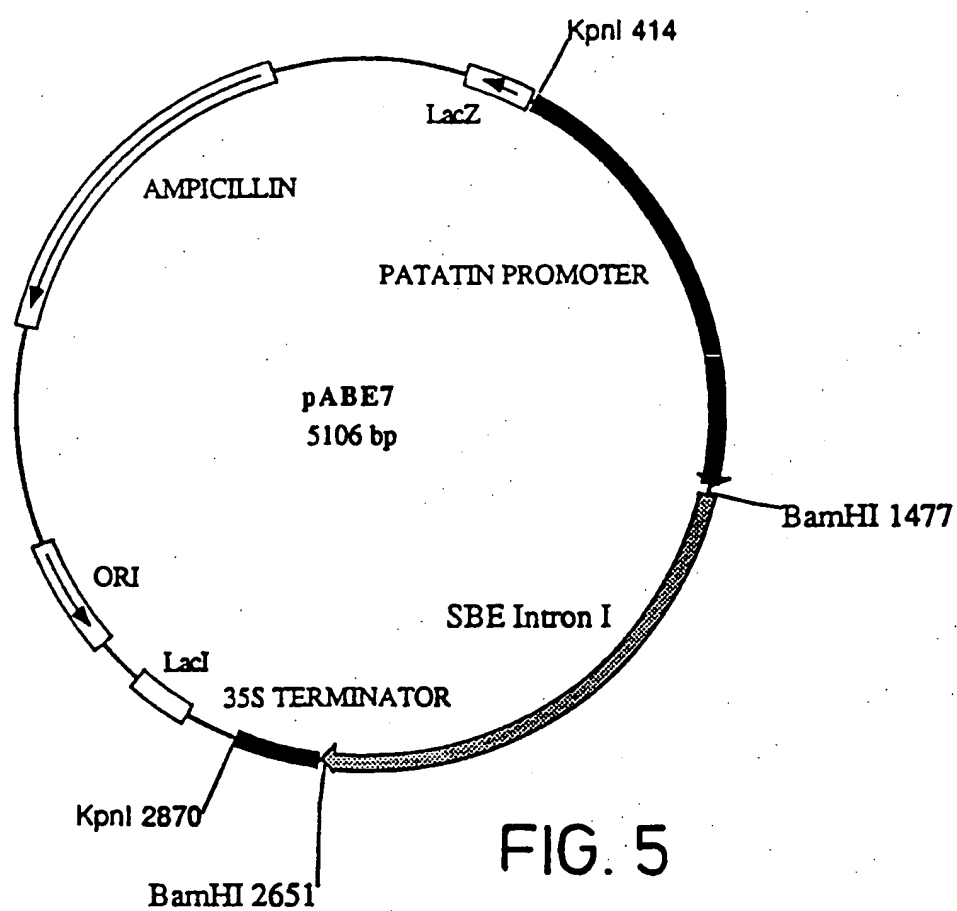


FIG. 4

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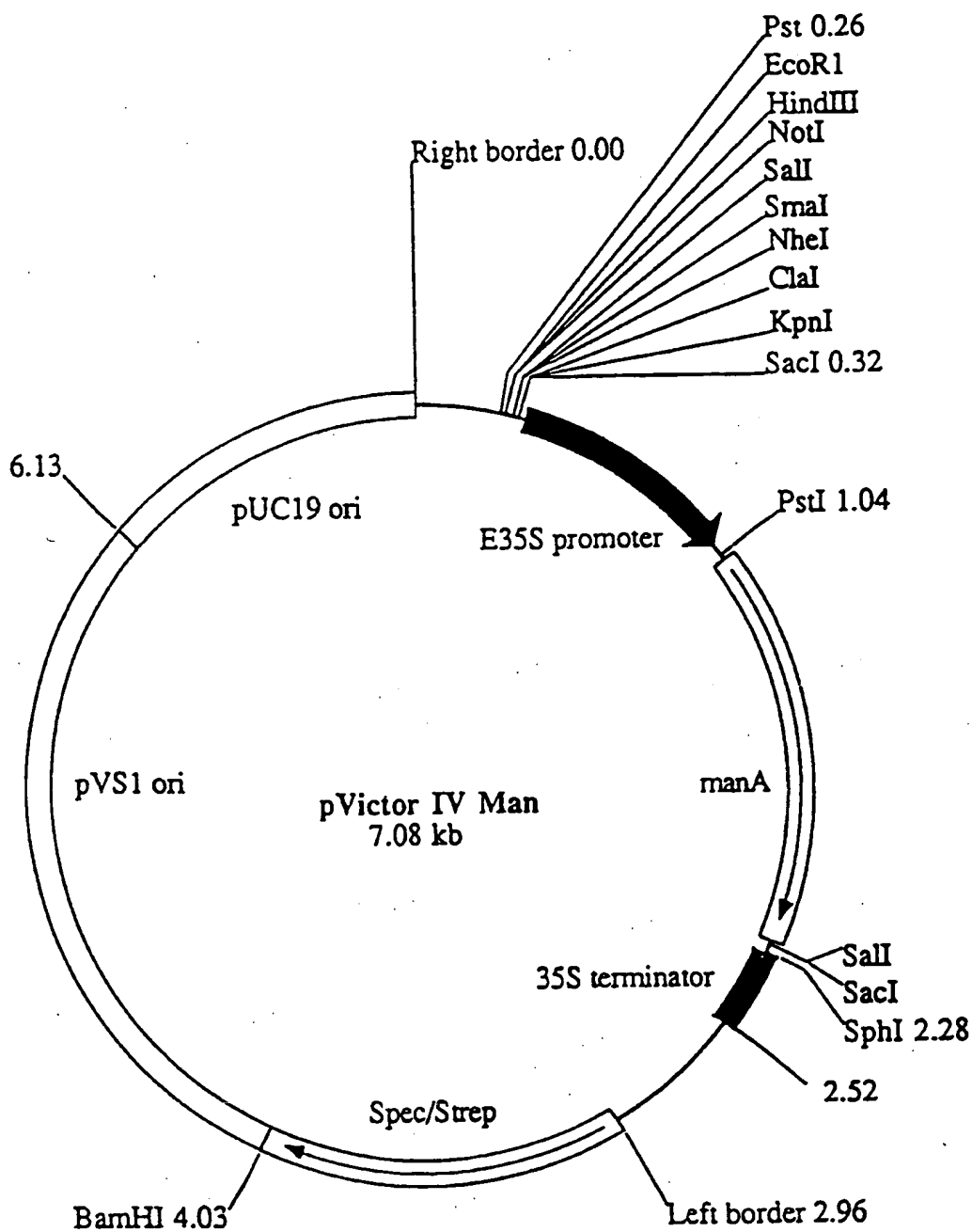


FIG. 6

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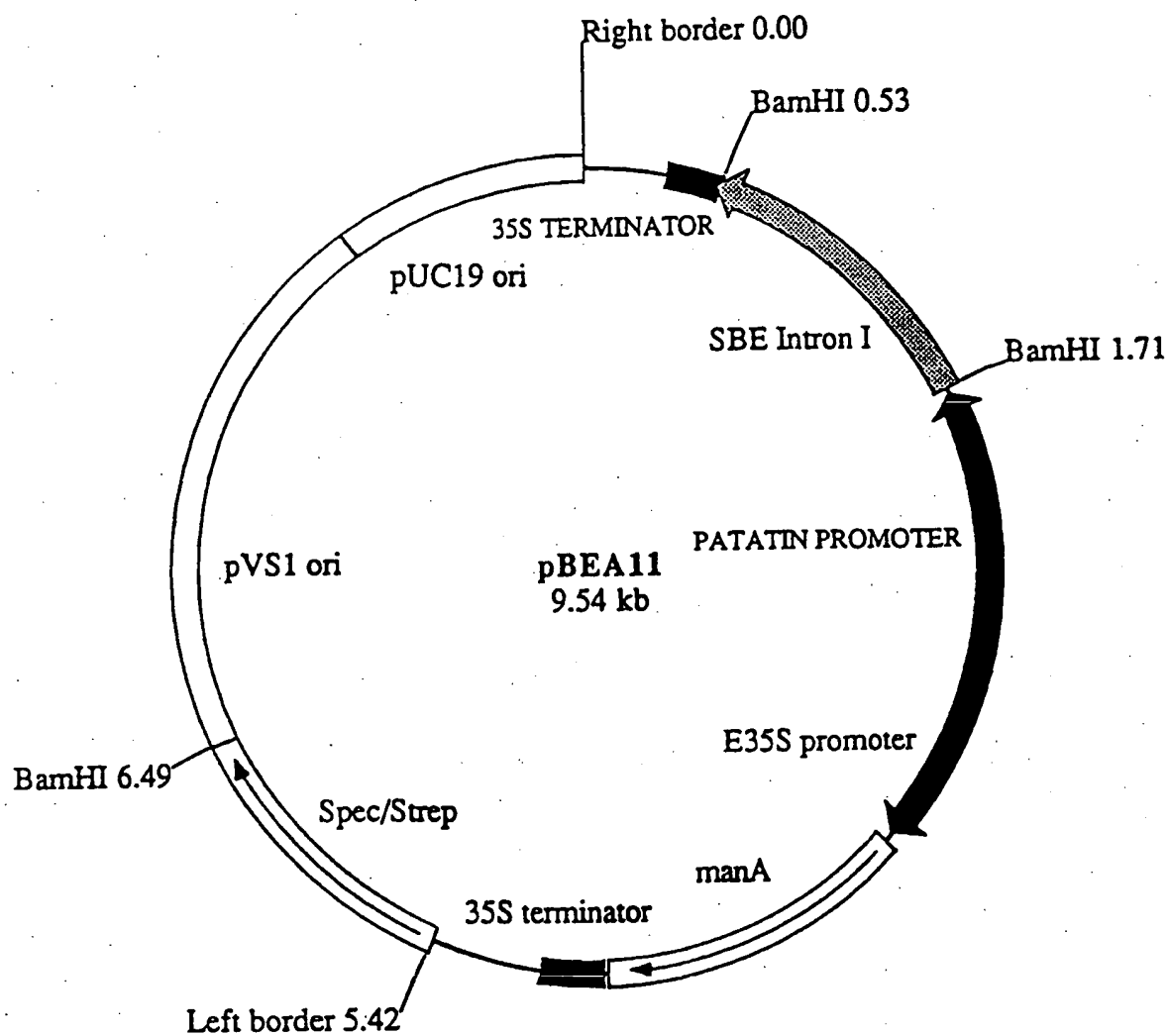


FIG. 7

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FIG. 8

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SUBSTITUTE SHEET (rule 26)

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S K P V I P H N S R V K F R F K H G N G						
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V W V D R I P A W I K Y A T A D A T K F						
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A A P Y D G V Y W D P P P S E R						
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Q L M A I M E H S Y Y G S F G Y H V T N						
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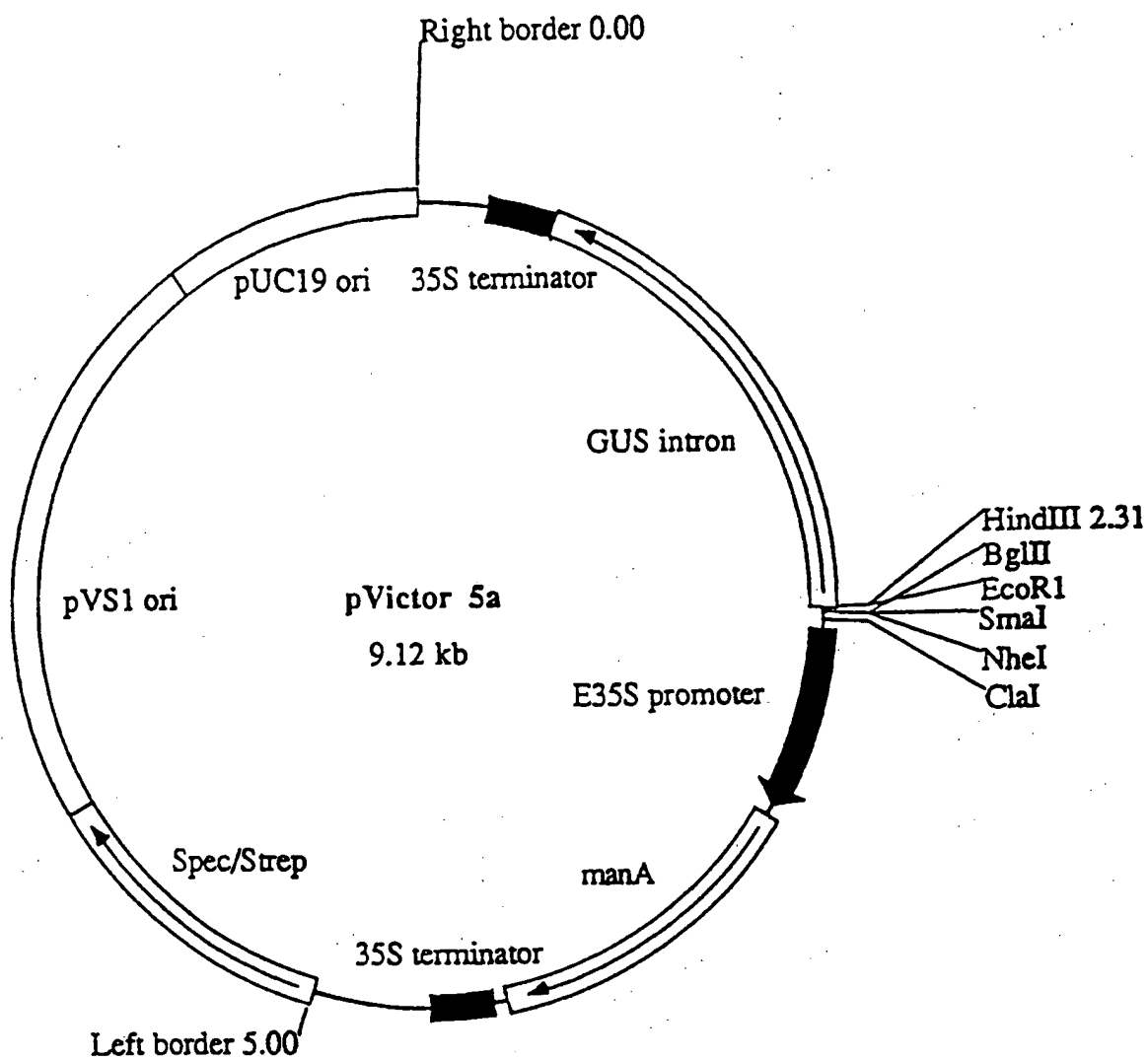


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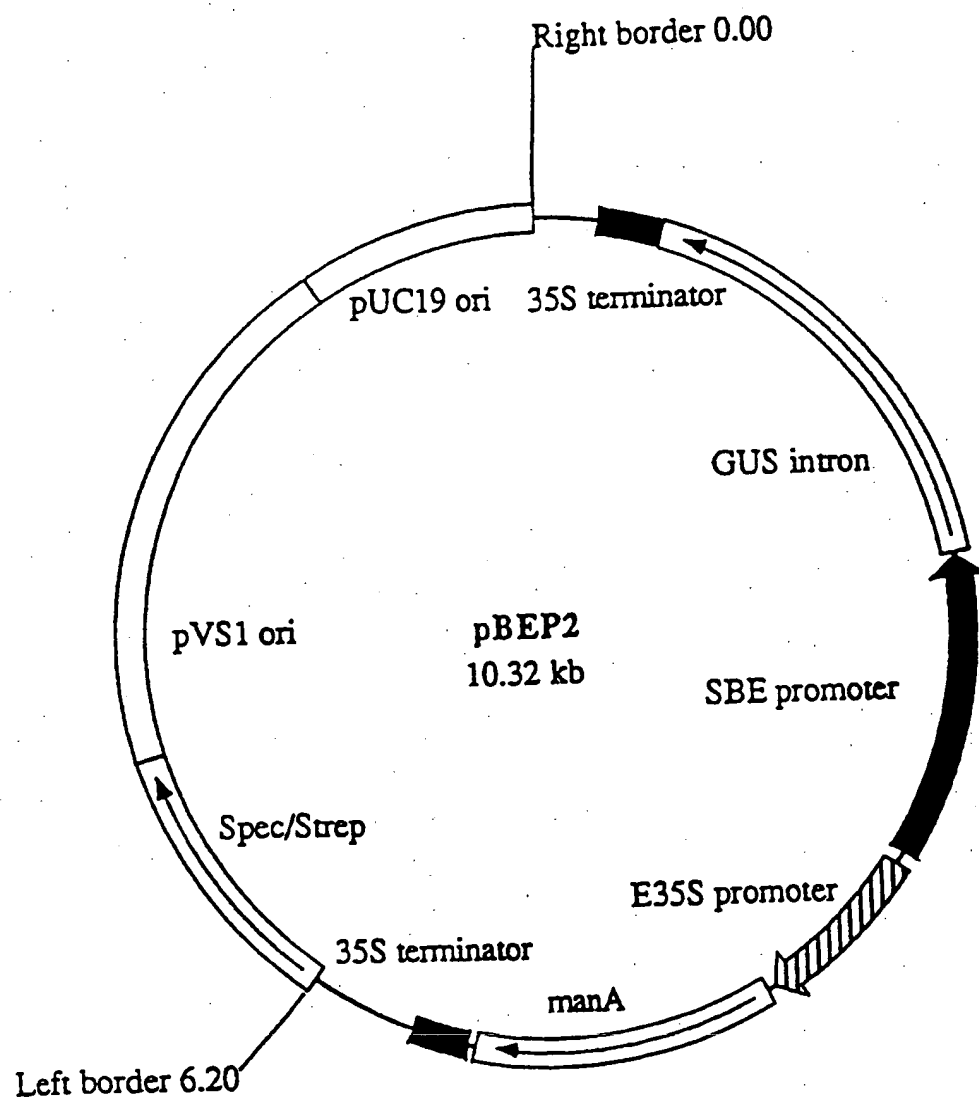


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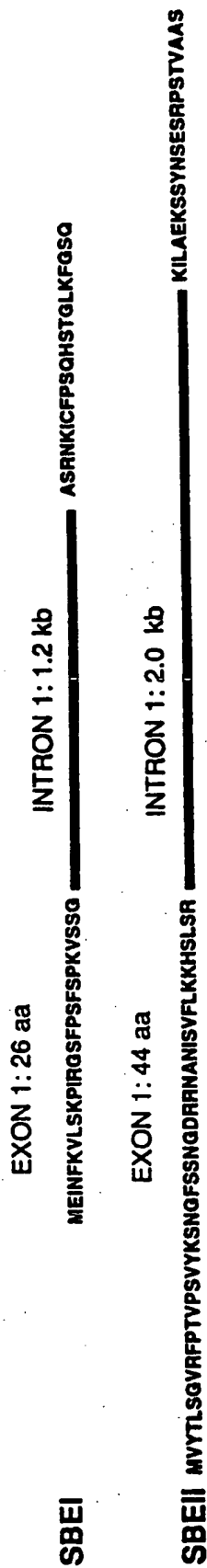


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BsmI

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BsaAI

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FIG. 12

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AflIII
▼

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EcoRI
▼

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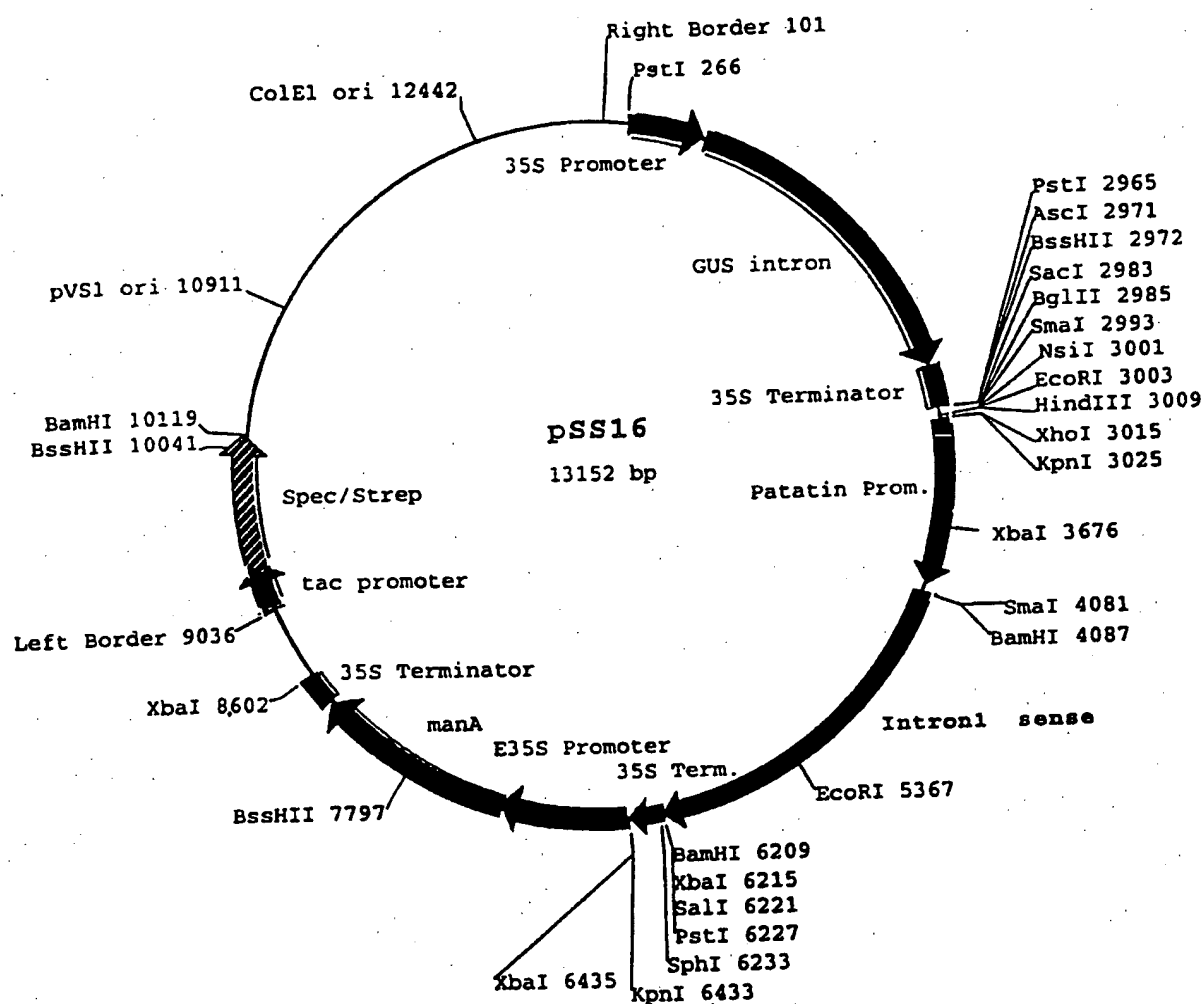


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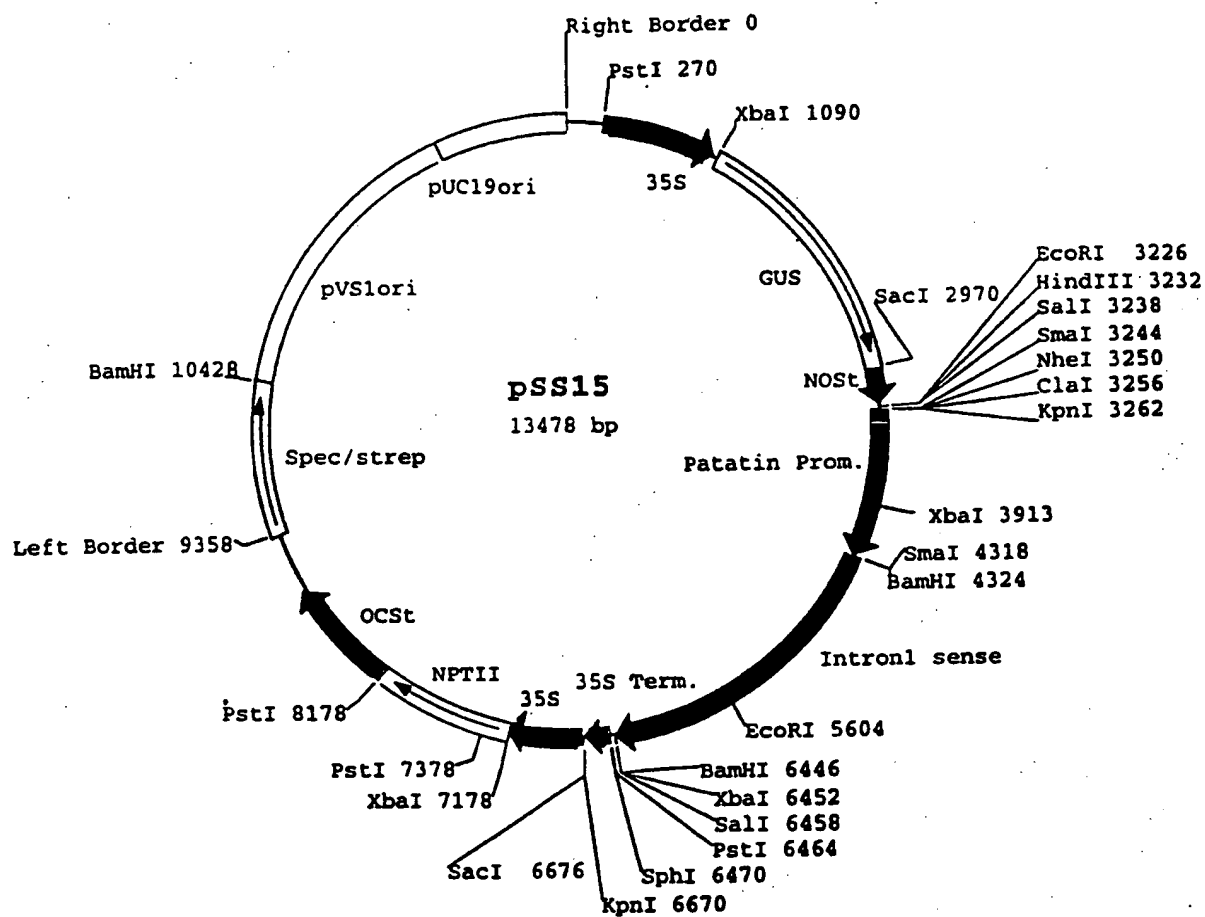


FIG. 14

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